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Notice To Mariners

Singapore Waters

Buoys have been replaced by beacons in certain positions in Singapore waters, according to a Notice to Mariners issued by the Harbour Department yesterday. Details are:

1. Beacons consisting of a staff surmounted by a white disc have been established in the following positions:
 - (i) 1 1/4 cables 230 degrees from the light on Pulo Saklang' Peleph (East St. John Island).
 - (ii) 2 1/4 cables 300 degrees from the occulting green light in Fairburn Channel.
 - (iii) 0.6 cables 071 degrees from the white obelisk on Pulo Tembukul (Peak Island), in the charted position of the stake.
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 - (ii) 2 1/4 cables 300 degrees from the occulting green light in Fairburn Channel.

FIFTH COLUMN DRIVE

Brazilian Move Irks Japan

Measures taken by the Brazilian Government against Fifth Columnists are treated as aimed at Japan, in a dispatch to the "Asahi" from its Rio de Janeiro correspondent, who asserts they are adversely affecting Japanese trade and immigration.

He reports that Brazil, which had hitherto been—in his view—strictly neutral in the struggle between democratic and totalitarian States, is now adopting an unfriendly attitude toward Japan and enforcing measures detrimental to Japan's interests.

Among such measures the "Asahi" correspondent enumerates: the export licence system, suspension of visas to foreigners, suppression of foreign-language newspapers and "aggressive" purchase of Brazilian cotton by Britain. The newspaper predicts that such measures must affect Japan's policy toward Brazil.

SIR OWEN ILL REPORTED TO BE NOW OUT OF DANGER

It is reported from Chicago that Sir David J. Owen, who became seriously ill there on his return journey to the United Kingdom, is now out of danger though he will be confined to bed for three weeks more.

Sir David, it will be remembered, recently conducted an inquiry into the development of the Port of Hong-kong, the report of which has just been published.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post	China and Macao
16 cents per copy	
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The Hongkong Telegraph	China and Macao
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16 cents Saturdays	
British and Foreign	20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.	

Black-out Light Offences

Photographic Evidence

Police throughout Britain will soon be using special cameras to photograph car head-lamps and badly screened windows during the blackout.

Bedford police are the first to use it. At Bedford police court the other day a motorist was fined 10s. because the camera had recorded that his headlights had been one foot-candle-power over the maximum 2.5 foot candlepower.

An official of the Ministry of Home Security said: "The new camera has a sensitive cell which, when exposed to the direct beam of light, records on a graduated scale the foot candle-power of the light."

20 Million Pairs Of Boots

British tanners of sole leather have achieved one of the country's finest industrial records for 1940. They have successfully carried through a colossal expansion of output in order to supply the Services with 20,000,000 pairs of boots during the year, and in addition they have amply met the demand from civilians at home and overseas.

The increase in output is estimated at 50 per cent. Hides have been shipped to Britain from 60 overseas ports to meet it, a big proportion of them from the enormous cattle resources of the Empire, put at 40 per cent. of the world's total livestock.

From South America South America has provided another vast war-time reservoir. Argentina, with its 60,000,000 cattle on the hoof, has sent consignments after consignments of hides of high quality, thanks to the increasing care of Argentine cattle and to the scientific methods which have been introduced into slaughtering processes.

Uruguay, Colombia and Brazil have all of them sent welcome cargoes across the Atlantic too.

Production Speeded Up Working tanners have speeded up production by intensifying their mechanical and scientific methods, and the British Sole Leather Tanners' Association has planned production in a practical way to prevent violent price fluctuations.

The resulting output has not only allowed Britain to have 400,000 pairs of Service boots a week, but in the midst of the war British tanners are now exporting sole leather made to suit the climates of many markets overseas.

Food For Indian Prisoners

When the French army collapsed last June more than 300 officers and men of the Indian transport companies, who were attached to the French forces on the Maginot Line, were cut off and fell into German hands. This was stated by Mr L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, when he opened the Indian Prisoners' Food Centre at India House recently.

He said news had reached Britain of a considerable number of Indian seamen taken by German raiders and interned in occupied France. For them, no doubt, the Centre would be glad to make provision.

The Indian Comforts Fund is under the chairmanship of Mrs Amery, and it is proposed to send from the Centre, with the help of the British Red Cross Society, one parcel to each prisoner every week.

EMPIRE SUPPLY CHIEF CHOSEN

Sir Archibald Carter, until recently Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty, has been appointed United Kingdom representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council, and will be chairman of that body. The council has been set up to co-ordinate the production and supply of munitions and stores in Empire countries in South and East Africa, Asia and the South Pacific area.

A new badge is appearing on the streets of Britain. This is the official badge of the "International Labour Force" being formed by the Ministry of Labour as a means of utilising the services of all friendly aliens.

It has been estimated that the foreign population—men and women over 16 years of age—now in Britain, numbers about 250,000, and it is felt that these could make a substantial contribution to the country's war effort, provided they are used in a positive way.

Among this number are about 14,000 Poles, 10,000 Czechs, 4,000 Norwegians, 7,000 Dutch, 14,000 Belgians, 10,000 French, and 50,000 Austrian and German refugees from Nazi oppression.

Industrial Capacity

Special exchanges are to be opened for facilitating the task of bringing worker and job together and a careful survey showing the industrial capacity of these aliens will be made. Arrangements are also in hand to train foreign women in Government centres and workshops so that they can also play their part.

These workers will share in Britain's social services including health and unemployment insurance.

Both the British Employers' Confederation and the Trades Union Council give their undivided support to the new venture and it is laid down that foreigners engaged in war work shall enjoy the same wages and conditions as British subjects.

Both the official button badges of the men and the brooches to be worn by the women bear the words "In-



RUSSIA READY—Josef Stalin recently said that Russia must "be ready for any eventuality" and hold itself in a state of total mobilisation. Here is an impressive formation of armoured cars at a recent Moscow parade.

Donald Believes China Will Emerge Victorious

Victory for China in its four-year-old war with Japan was seen as certain by W. H. Donald, Australian-born newspaperman who has been Chiang Kai-shek's adviser for years past, when interviewed recently in Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr Donald, who has been observing China from close range ever since he left the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" back in 1903 to work in Hongkong on his way to Tahiti to write his version of the years in which he has seen Far Eastern history made. He intends to cover events since the beginning of the century.

China, Mr Donald thinks, is on the crest of a wave, while Japan is descending into a trough of despair.

The Chinese have outfought and outmanoeuvred their opponents in the course of the war, says Chiang Kai-shek's adviser, and in nearly four years of struggle the troops of Emperor Hirohito have never been able to cross the Yellow River or pass the western boundary of the Province of Shansi.

The Japanese blockade of the coastline has destroyed foreign trade, but has not weakened Chinese resistance, and peasant life is going ahead as it had for centuries, Mr Donald declares.

Move From Canton The Chinese capture of the Yangtze fortress of Matsung, said Mr Donald, had caused consternation among the Japanese, and if, as they had claimed, the invaders really had a million troops in the Yangtze valley these men are now cut off. Japanese troops have been moved from the Canton area in the effort to counter this defeat.

Peace Offers Tokyo's weakness is seen by Mr Donald in numerous peace offers received by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek through various channels.

Three times, said the aide of the Generalissimo, Japan had made peace overtures through the Germans, three through the British, and several times feelers have been made through puppet governors.

Chiang has told the British Ambassador he would make peace only when every Japanese soldier was out of China.

SCURVY WARNING BY DOCTORS

DOCTORS in Britain are anxious because there have been signs of scurvy—one of the diseases which, it was thought, had been banished from civilised life.

The Ministry of Health has asked doctors to report on any signs of Vitamin C deficiency in the civilian population.

It is this lack—for which there is no excuse—that causes scurvy.

The Socialist Medical Association has passed a resolution saying that it has evidence that there is a Vitamin deficiency, especially Vitamin C, among the general population.

It urges that a plan be evolved forthwith for the equitable distribution of all protective food-stuffs, especially green vegetables, fruits and salads, or, if this is impossible, the provision of Vitamin concentrates.

Doctors with long hospital experience, in which they have never met cases of scurvy, are now encountering definite signs of the disease.

Others, serving in hospitals where members of the fighting services are admitted, are concerned about the hints of the disease which they are finding.

The disease can be prevented and cured by the single remedy of fresh vegetables and fruits.

Peas, cabbages, onions, carrots, turnips, and so on, and most fresh fruits will give relief.

In Capsules

Vitamin C can be produced chemically in the form of crystals. It could be made available in artificial form, as capsules.

Here are some of the symptoms of scurvy: Breathlessness and exhaustion; Gums become spongy and bleed; Teeth fall out;

Bleeding produces bruise-like blotches on the skin, stiffens muscles. Caught in time the disease can be treated effectively. Neglected it can be fatal.

Cook's Cure

It was one of the first vitamin-deficiency diseases discovered. Captain Cook found the way to cure it long before we knew anything about Vitamins.

On his voyage to the Antipodes, when he claimed Australia, he gave his men pickled raw cabbage and the juice of oranges and lemons. That prevented the disease from getting a foothold on board.

The disease had decimated the crews on every long voyage.

It was learned in New York a few weeks ago that British officials were considering the purchase of five 33-passenger strato-liners from the Trans-Continental and Western Airways Co.

These four-motored high-altitude machines, it was stated, would be useful in ferrying pilots engaged in flying planes from Canada to England.

Army Has Symphony Orchestra

Take three of the best regimental bands in the British Army, select from each its best players, add a few picked musicians from other Service units, put them under the conductorship of Sir Adrian Boult—and you have the British Army's first official symphony orchestra.

This is no makeshift orchestra, yet all the practice, and the concerts themselves, must be done by the players in their own time, so that their Army work is not interfered with.

With a strength of 65 the instruments include ten first violins, ten second violins, six violas, five cellos, five basses and wood-wind and brass.

Services Girls

Forty-eight of the men come from three regiments and the remainder of the orchestra includes two A.T.S. girls, one V.A.D. masseuse and one W.A.A.F.

In peace-time the three bands would be getting ready now for the summer season at seaside resorts, but the war put a stop to these activities. One of the A.T.S. in peace-time a Dockland Settlement worker, was enthusiastic about the orchestra.

Stratoplanes From America

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Wife Put Children Before Husband—And Judge Agrees

A husband's claim to the £800 left by his wife to the three daughters was rejected by Mr Justice Farwell in the Chancery Division recently.

"I am really surprised that an application of this sort should have been made," he said.

Mr William James Maggs, Counselor of the Rose and Crown Inn, Coleford, Somerset, applied under the Inheritance (Family Provisions) Act, 1938, for an order that reasonable provision should be made for his maintenance out of the wife's estate.

He claimed that practically all his wife's money had been collected out

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The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 28th April May 5.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 2nd May May 9.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Friday, May 2
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. May 2, 4 p.m.
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Monday, May 5
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service".

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Reg. May 5, 5 p.m.
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Friday, May 9

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service".

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Reg. May 9, 5 p.m.
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G.P.O.
Reg. May 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 9, 7 p.m.

Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,553,000.53 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the F.C.M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
Imam of Dockyard Mosque, \$10
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Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, \$10
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The Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals acknowledges with thanks the following donations:
Miss N. W. Bascombe, \$10; Miss Marion Foster, \$10 in memory of my sister the late Mrs. Louisa, \$10.

In celebration of the birthday of Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, a film party will be held by the Hollandse Club at the Gloucester Hotel at 12.45 p.m. today.



BOOBY TRAP—This "booby trap" left by Italians in the recent retreat across the North African desert would have blown the British officer to bits, if he had stumbled over the trip line. As it was, his luck stayed with him and he saw it in time.

Ethiopian Princess To Go Home

PRINCESS STHAI, 22-year-old daughter of Emperor Haile Selassie, is returning to Abyssinia soon.

She has spent her five years' exile in England training as a nurse, first at Great Ormond-street Hospital for Sick Children and later at Guy's.

She is going back to her own country as a member of an ambulance unit led by an Australian surgeon.

Broadway recently, she said: "I have come to know England, and that means to love it. But duty calls me to my own country."

"Some of our women are bravely fighting in the ranks, and we must do all we can to help our brave patriots."

"Our troops in the field particularly need khaki shirts and woollen helmets—not socks," for our soldiers march in bare feet.

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By Lichty



"Yep!—the Country raised the price on all toll bridges we're experimentin' with defence against invasion!"

THE CORVETTE saves convoys

British merchant shipping losses have been getting smaller. Why? The corvette, Britain's new type of warship, now being built on mass production lines, is part of the answer. Here A. J. McWhinnie tells you about life in these tiny saviours of the convoys.

THE Atlantic outlook is brightening.

For a fortnight I have been sailing thousands of miles out there, investigating the dangers, assessing the possibilities for the immediate future, and observing changes and developments in our unceasing fight against the U-boats across the biggest battlefield of all.

Things have been moving rapidly since my last Atlantic trip with a destroyer in December.

Outstanding are these facts, gathered with our Northern patrols and later with the vital convoys from the Americas.

British escort forces out there to-day are steadily being strengthened.

Ships may still be torpedoed at times. But the chances of convoys getting through are better than they were at the beginning of the winter.

There are several developments which, if even hinted at, would be of vital value to the enemy.

The ships of this particular convoy had their holds stacked with foodstuffs and war supplies and planes from America.

Not a ship was lost throughout the run. But there is a crippled U-boat out there somewhere. A corvette did that—one of the toughest little warships in the world.

I am the first Naval Correspondent to sail in these new anti-submarine ships, testing their endurance and fighting efficiency in Northern blizzards, howling gales, and head-on to the Atlantic rollers.

Rushed To Sea

These long-funnelled, whale-catcher type of warships, smaller than destroyers, were the answer to Britain's prayer when the Atlantic outlook was blackest, when France had caved in and we had to fight alone.

There was no time to build destroyers to beat the new intensive U-boat Blitz.

So crisis decisions were taken.

Many slipways must be used to rush out corvettes. Organisation between builders and sub-contractors must be such that mass production methods could be used. Corvettes must be rushed out to sea on chain-belt principles.

And to-day you find corvette groups operating alongside the destroyers and sloops with the convoys.

Their advantages are these: (1.) They can fight U-boats in the foulest weather.

(2.) They can be built reasonably quickly—I look forward to the time when, from a single slipway, one corvette

can be put to sea every month. Shipyards in the Dominions as well as at home are building them:

(3.) A corvette costs only a fraction of the cost of a destroyer. Numbers count in screening a convoy from U-boats, so the cost of escort craft comes down:

(4.) The range of these tiny warships is a secret, but they are fitted with the same efficient anti-submarine gear as the crack destroyers. And submarine protection has been recently further improved;

(5.) While not so fast as destroyers, they are fast enough to pursue the U-boats, and that's all the speed they need for the job for which they are being built.

(6.) They need only 50 men—a third of a ship's company of a destroyer.

(7.) A corvette is in herself only a tiny target, whether she is being attacked from the air or on, or under, the sea.

"Lively" Ships

I see no reason why we should not have two or three hundreds of these corvette anti-submarine warships sooner than most people might think. That number would be a first class insurance against U-boats.

They are lively in seaway. The men who sail in them

suffer discomfort in even the slightest swell.

And when they are battling through the winter gales, their broad beams roll with the sickening movement of a fat goldfish flicking its tail to jerk over on its side when somebody bangs its bowl.

I have sailed more than 25,000 miles covering the war at sea, mainly in destroyers, but I've never known anything like the roll you get in these corvettes.

"Hand-Picked"

The corvette men have been hand-picked for their endurance. And, when they prove they can take it, they say they wouldn't change. They are proud of their task.

They had to be on this trip, what with gales and blizzards, squalls and storms, and three days living on hard tack.

They certainly earn their "hard-lying money." Outside the submarines there isn't a tougher job afloat.

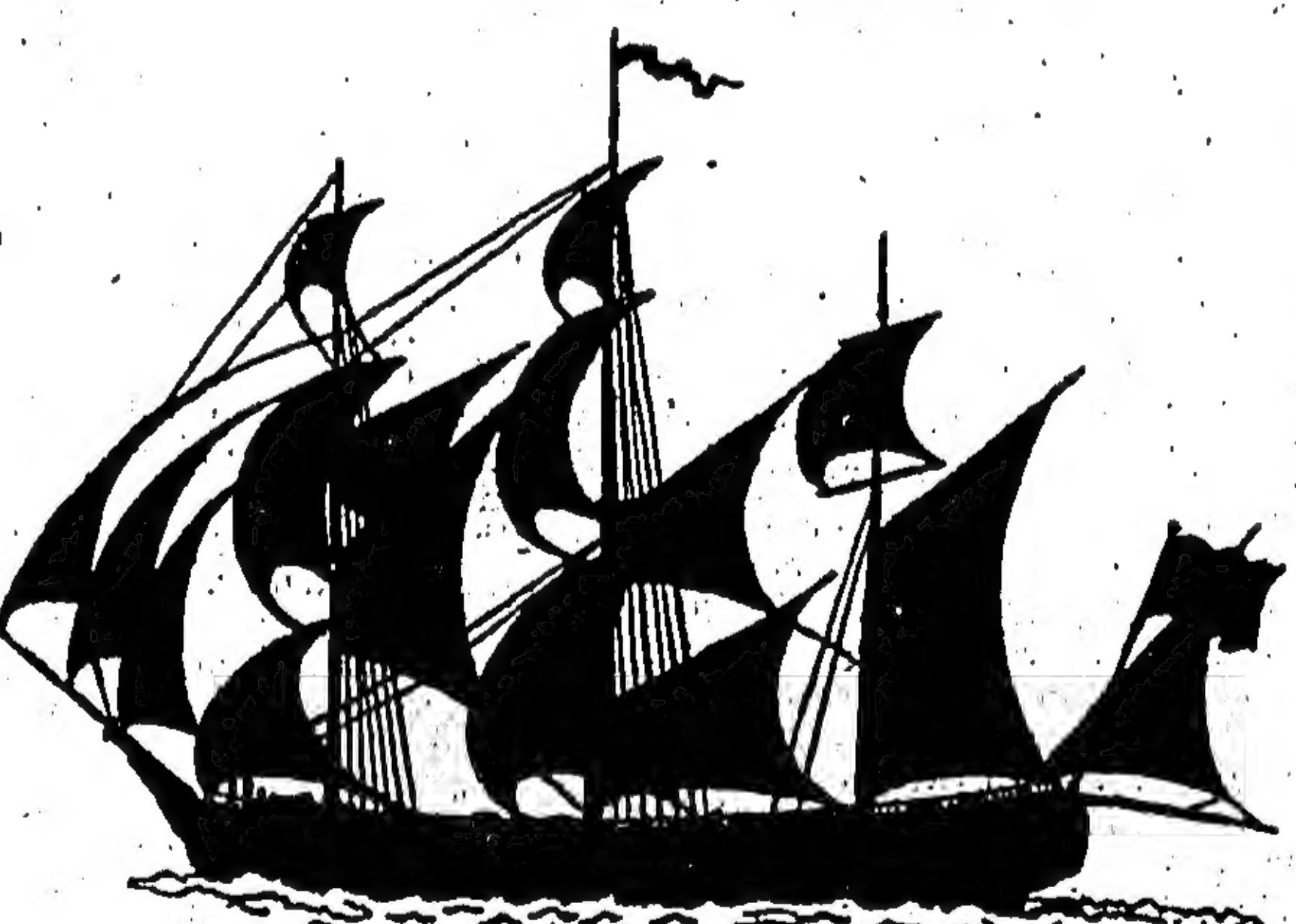
Commanding officer of the corvette in which I sailed is an R.N. commander who likes being a small ship man while his son is in the biggest warship of all—the Hood.

The first lieutenant was a luxury liner officer in peacetime. He was R.N.R. and found himself in the doomed armed merchant cruiser *Patrolus*. He clung to a tiny raft for seven and a half hours before a destroyer picked him up.

The navigator has been seven times round the world in tramp ships. He is only 27 now. The sub-lieutenant (R.N.V.R.) is a 21-year-old baronet.

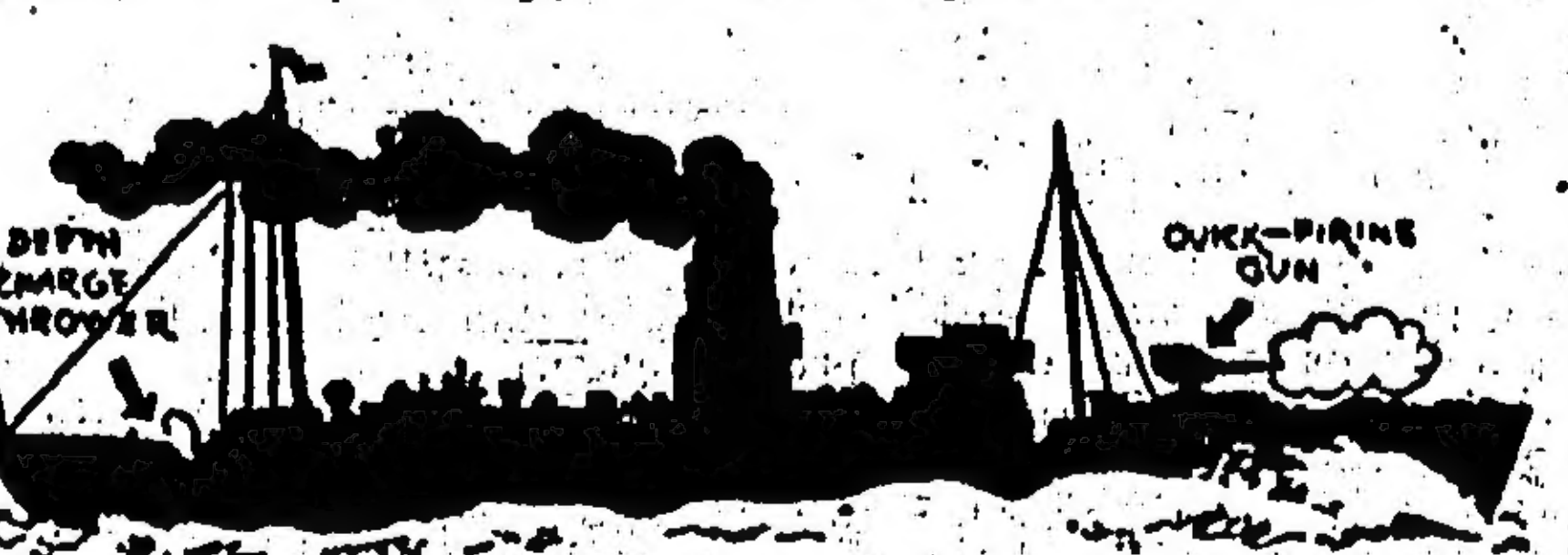
Down on the mess deck they yarn about their adventures earlier in the war. Most of them have been "over the side." Most of them have had their baptism of fire at sea.

I'd back these corvette men in a fight against any U-boat.



1781 The term "corvette" now being used to designate the new Navy convoy boat was originally applied to a vessel of burden... It was a flush-deck vessel, barque rigged, with one tier of guns either on the upper or main deck.

The corvette of 1781 was, in addition to its specified duties, made to do the odd jobs. It had, for instance, to do convoy work, to look for smugglers and chase privateers.



1941 The only relationship the patrol corvette of 1941 bears to the corvette of 1781 is that it, too, has to do the odd jobs. Its design is based on that of whale catchers in the Antarctic—it will do the same work in the wintry North Atlantic as the destroyers of the convoy escorts. The corvette carries a supply of depth charges, and its complement generally consists of three officers and about sixty ratings. It has already proved successful against the U-boats.

Eugenics League

More Money Needed

Continued progress was made by the Hongkong Eugenics League during the past year, according to the fifth annual report, which will be presented at the yearly meeting to be held at the Gloucester Hotel on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.

The report, signed by Mrs Selwyn-Clark, Hon. Secretary, states in part:

The number of patients has increased in all the Clinics by nearly 100 per cent, and the improvement in the numbers of those returning for re-examination has been maintained.

Home Policy Followed

The League in co-operation with the Medical Department is pursuing the same policy advocated by the Ministry of Health in Great Britain. Health Centres have been established where mothers can attend ante-natal clinics after the birth of the baby, they return to the Centre for advice on infant welfare and Gynaecological Clinics for post-natal care have been arranged which include advice on family planning, that is, how to space children for the sake of the health and the well-being of the family. An increase in this service is urgently needed.

The League has been successful in obtaining regular supplies of appliances from New York, but unless there is increased financial support during the next year, the League will be forced to discontinue this help to poor patients.

The League has been able to respond to requests for appliances from Shanghai, Kwelyang, Hainan and other centres. Assistance has also been given to mothers proceeding to the interior.

Social Welfare Worker

The Executive Committee has retained the services of a social welfare worker, who assists in the four Clinics and pays home visits to the mothers who attend the Clinics. The Committee considers that this follow-up work is of the greatest importance and therefore is most anxious to engage a second welfare worker since it is impossible for one worker to follow up the cases of all four Clinics. The educational work of the League is limited through the lack of co-operation of Chinese educated women, who, with their knowledge of the language, customs and problems of patients could talk with them on the advantages of family planning for more effectively than European women. The League wishes to form a Committee of Chinese voluntary helpers to take over the publicity and educational work of the League.

Referring to parents who are unable to give their children sufficiently good feeding from birth and unable to play their full part in the community, the report states that this is self-evident in Hongkong where starvation diseases such as Beri-beri, Pellagra and Tuberculosis are on the increase and where education is only available to a very small proportion of the population.

The Committee therefore hope that in the coming year they may have more active co-operation from Chinese women so that the services of the League may be developed where they are most needed.

Miss Constance Lam, the Hon. Treasurer, submits a report on the League's objectives: to prevent and cure. Its function is to help families, particularly of the submerged class, to plan and to space the size of their family around their earning capacity, so that each child can have a decent chance of survival and healthy growth, she states.

Gift For Schools

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges gratefully the gift of \$500 from the General Chinese Charities Fund Committee through the kindness of the Hon. Mr H. A. C. North, for the schools established for the children transferred from the Po Leung Kuk to the Government camps.

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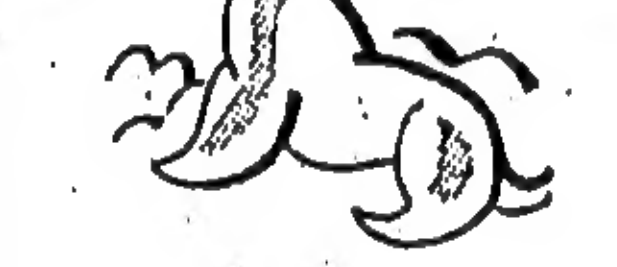
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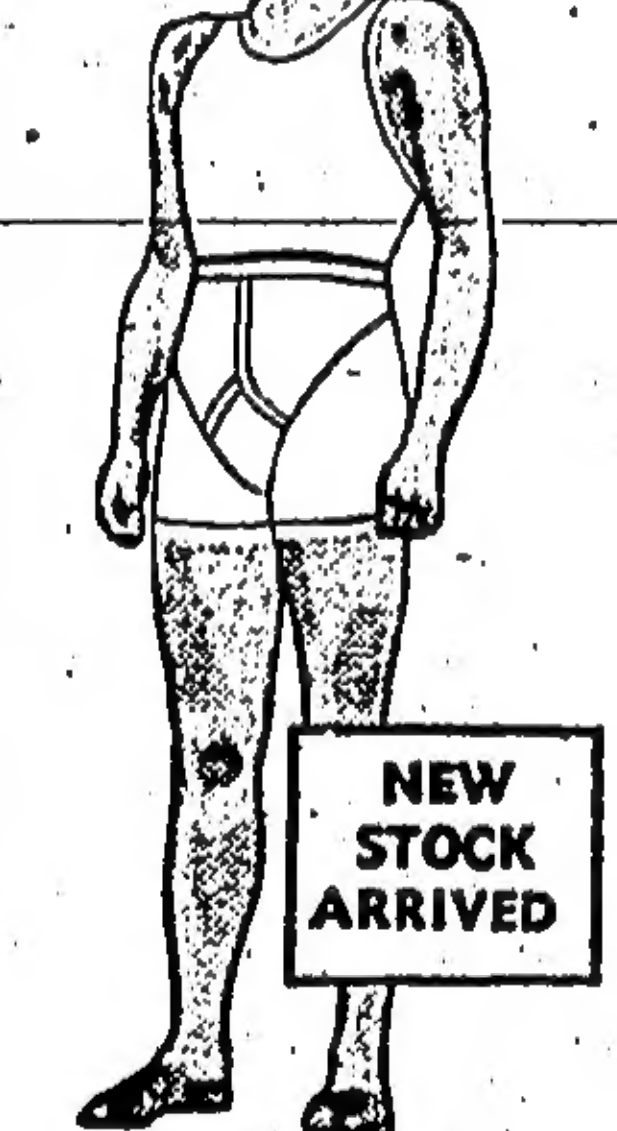
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WELCOME SENTIMENTS

THE foregathering of the leaders of the Anglo-Japanese communities in Hongkong yesterday, on the occasion of the fortieth Birthday of His Imperial Majesty, The Emperor of Japan, was a specially pleasing and happy event in this present time of international distrust and discord. Both the Consul-General and His Excellency the Governor, stressed the wish that it should be possible for Britain and Japan to live again on the friendly terms of the past, and there is no doubt that such a wish will echo in the hearts of all Japanese and British people alike, whose great aim in life is to foster the happier aspects of civilisation, and to eschew all that savours of the false and hostile.

So much has already been lost both in lives and wealth by the insanity of war; and so much is yet to be gained by friendly and reasonable collaboration between the peoples of the earth. Indeed, the curse of unjustified and unreasonable hostility has evoked expressions of disgust and apprehension throughout the entire world, so much so, that the United States has been compelled to throw the whole weight of its resources into the battle which aims at the restoration of friendship and peace between all the peoples of the earth.

Mr Yano's reference to the alliance which once existed between Britain and Japan, and which saved the Far East from a major upheaval, was well chosen, and it is to be hoped that his confidence that the same spirit will be kept alive in the hearts of both nations, will prove to be soundly based.

The merchants and traders of Japan must have lost very heavily on account of the present war, and British traders too, have suffered heavily and unnecessarily. For such disruption of the normal trade, so properly referred to as the life-blood of nations, cannot be justified, and it behoves those who wield the power to check or to extend war, to consider the masses whose desire is for peace and prosperity.

Similar gatherings to that of yesterday's will have taken place

He had a scheme ready, to carry on where Weygand left off...

DE GAULLE'S last-minute ADVICE

EVERY day, as military operations moved from the Meuse to the Somme and the Aisne and then to the Oise and the Seine, General Weygand and Marshal Petain had long conversations with the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud.

Once, often twice, daily—as General de Gaulle, who was a witness, told me later—General Weygand produced long reports which were nothing more than bulletins of defeat.

Their general conclusion, though not yet specifically indicated, became more probable every day—armistice.

Dilemma

Men who had been in a position to meet General Weygand between May 19 and May 25, and who saw him again in Paris between June 6 and June 11, no longer recognised him as the same man.

They had admired his lucidity and coolness. They could now see only the fatigue of nervous exhaustion, and ill-temper.

And sometimes, when subordinates were concerned, he used a tone which was far from courteous.

At this particular time it was a matter of deciding whether to fight in Paris or whether Paris should be declared an open town. And there were two opposed points of view.

One was that of the revolutionary tradition, of desperate battle, if need be street by street, leaving the enemy to bear the blame for destroying treasures of stone amassed by the centuries.

The other was that of the High Command, the politicians, and the keepers and curators of old buildings.

Their contention was that it is not cities which fight, but armies.

Departure

The spectacle presented at the Premier's offices on June 8 left under the decision in no doubt. The sole concern of everyone was to safeguard his own skin and divert responsibility from himself.

June 9 was taken up with preparing for the departure, which had been fixed for the evening of the tenth.

I asked for an appointment with M. Reynaud. Marshal Petain was leaving the Ministry when I arrived.

While I was waiting in the ante-room M. Baudouin came hurrying in, looking very important.

"Who is with the Premier?" he asked the usher.

A name was given in reply. He looked annoyed and then, seeing me, said: "Have you an appointment?"

"Yes."

"Will you allow me to go in before you? I've come from the Foreign Office—it's extremely urgent."

I did a little theorising. This was the ninth, Italy's entry into the war had been announced for the tenth.

My supposition changed to certainty when I entered the study of M. Reynaud, who seemed more on edge than ever.

M. Baudouin had just informed him that, according to a message from Rome, Mussolini would strike the next day.

Once again I asked him if he was still in favour of total resistance, with all its consequences.

He made me a staccato and jerky little speech in reply. Did I wish to insult him by doubting his purpose? I would soon see!

throughout the British Empire, and similar expressions of thought and goodwill uttered. It is not too much to hope that the sincerity, so obvious at the moment, will not be allowed to evaporate.

As for the departure from Paris, yes, the Government had decided on it. But he would be the last to go. If he were taken prisoner, so much the worse.

"The news is worse?"

"Yes."

"But it's still—war at any price?" I insisted again.

"Yes, without quarter!"

Why had he spoken of the possibility of being taken prisoner? I put it down to his customary love of boasting.

Explanation

The next day I had the explanation when I heard that Mme de Portes had been playing a fine dramatic scene.

She had talked of nothing less than remaining in Paris. She did not want to leave. She was not afraid of the Germans, not she.

Was this a deliberate attempt on her part to hasten the request for an armistice already

over Paul Reynaud and I can hear him whispering emphatically in his ear:

"When a general has lost all fighting sense, he is replaced by someone else."

Paul Reynaud did not say that he would not dare—on the contrary, he declared that he was ready to do it.

And if De Gaulle flew to London and explained everything to Churchill because of the troops and transports.

How To Do It

But how could Reynaud put this scheme into execution? Helene de Portes would certainly not agree to it. She would exclaim:

"Your precious De Gaulle would do better to go and counter-attack somewhere with his tanks."

Baudouin would raise a host of objections. Weygand would declare: "If we want to save anything there

France—the Whole Truth

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Famous Paris Editor and for 20 years an intimate of France's Rulers.

decided on by Weygand and Baudouin?

Or was it just the coquetry of a woman who wanted to be entertained?

One can imagine anything of Helene de Portes.

All that is certain is that she went and, in view of what happened afterwards, it would have been better if she had stayed in Paris. But would Reynaud have gone without her?

June 10 was a crucial date in the future almanac we shall see under that date:

"Italy declared war on France and Great Britain; the French Government left Paris."

It was towards Tours that what still remained of the Government began to make its way that evening.

M. Reynaud went to G.H.Q., where General Weygand, not by indirect hints this time, but directly and imperatively, suggested asking for an armistice.

M. Mandel, Minister of the Interior, was the last to leave Paris.

On the roads an uninterrupted procession of lorries, limousines, light cars, coaches and carts were conveying a whole people emigrating no one knew whither.

De Gaulle's Plan

General Headquarters were at Briare. But General Weygand no longer thought of driving the enemy out of France.

Nor did he think of organising a defensive force which would preserve some part of the national soil.

It was another man who was thinking of that task, who was drawing up a scheme in broad outline, and who would press M. Reynaud to make it his own.

M. Reynaud listened to General de Gaulle. He understood quickly, for his intelligence was swift:

"Withdraw towards Brittany, hold out there as long as possible, assemble all fit troops and ask Churchill to transport them, some to North Africa and the rest to England, to form a nucleus for the return battle."

"Save the whole air force; the navy must continue to co-operate in the defence of the two Empires in alliance."

"Yes. But what about Weygand?" inquired Paul Reynaud.

"Weygand? Are you the head of the Government?"

I can picture General de Gaulle's tall figure towering

is nothing for it but to capitulate."

All this Paul Reynaud told himself as he paced round his room like a wild cat in a cage.

He certainly had reason to meditate, for the conspirators were making arrangements drawing up plans, allotting parts, preparing the atmosphere.

There were secret conclaves just as there were almost open discussions.

This was the general situation when the Government of France started to establish itself in Tours, amid the extraordinary confusion that prevailed there.

General Weygand then prepared to attend a Council of Ministers, having made up his mind to engage in a violent assault.

He made a sketch of the military position that was as black as, and perhaps blacker than the reality.

It was not a defeat, it was a rout, it was collapse, complete and relentless.

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"I have saved honour. I am no longer in a position to stem the enemy's advance."

"Remember 1917!"

He asserted that the soldiers were not fighting any more, that they were throwing away their arms and running away, that mutinies were to be feared, perhaps worse.

"Let us remember 1917," he exclaimed, "when Russian soldiers formed Soviets in the regiments and in the armies."

And he concluded: "There is no other solution except an immediate request for an armistice."

M. Reynaud, who had the vigorous words of General de Gaulle in his mind, betrayed no hint of weakening.

He had signed an alliance with Great Britain. He was bound by it. He would honour the signature of France as he would his own.

He maintained the firm position he had taken up. The majority of the Council seemed disposed to follow him.

M. Chautemps, the Vice-Premier, was careful not to come into direct conflict with the Premier, but at the end of a carefully-balanced argument, he asked:

"Why should not the Prime Minister, whose authority stands so high with the British Government, ask Mr Winston Churchill to release France from her pledge?"

As he enlarged upon his astute suggestion, M. Baudouin's face lit up. Even M. Reynaud admitted that there might be something in the idea. He would think it over, broach the subject gently to Churchill.

"It must be done quickly!" Weygand struck in.

"Even were I alone, and I imagine I shall not be," said Mandel in a voice that fell like an axe. "I will have no part in a capitulation which would dishonour us."

Then he raised the question of the next removal of the Government. The supporters of the armistice unanimously proposed Bordeaux.

M. Mandel showed that he had already considered the possibility of Quimper, in Brittany. M. Reynaud, who had been attracted by De Gaulle's Brest scheme, approved and supported the suggestion.

It meant the port of Brest with possible communications with England, America and North Africa. And thus it was decided.

When M. Mandel returned to the Prefecture in the middle of the night, he telephoned immediately to requisition chateaux, hotels and so forth in Quimper.

While he was doing so, M. Paul Reynaud became a prey to the fury of Mme de Portes.

"What is this ridiculous joke about going to Quimper? Are you anxious to make a fool of yourself? Go to Quimper by yourself, my friend, you and your Mandel!"

General de Gaulle, who was present, defended the proposed departure for Brittany.

Baudouin skillfully argued against it. And while he was doing so telephone calls kept reaching M. Reynaud, also opposing it.

The Premier yielded, and got in touch with M. Mandel. Orders to Quimper were countermanded and the message was sent to Bordeaux to expect the Government to arrive there.

To-morrow

A conference with Mr Churchill in Tours. Mme de Portes demands an armistice. Weygand renews his ultimatum and says Communists now hold Paris. The scenes in Bordeaux. British Ambassador's difficulties.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Meet the Camp Cat

YOU will hear more of Charlie the Chancer. He is a city slicker, who knows where to go and have a good time in London, Brummagem, and points North.

He has a quick eye and a Bren-gun tongue—opens a conversation with Five Rounds Application, and then, having got on his mark, goes on in bursts.

He knows everything and everybody: claims close friendship with such celebrities as Gordon Richards, Alex James, Len Harvey, and most of the nobility and gentry.

Charlie always has the inside dope, the secret information.

The other day, as we picked our way over the puddles between the huts, a cat passed.

Charlie the Chancer said: "There she goes. The unluckiest cat in the world."

"Dead unlucky. If I was the Commanding Officer of this outfit, I'd detail twelve men for a firing squad and give that cat the works."

"They tried to lose her several times. She always came back. Once they put her in a convoyed lorry and took her seventy miles into Hampshire, and dumped her. Next day she was back."

"Don't ask me how: it's a mystery. If ever you're called on Company Orders, and that cat crosses your path, expect the worst."

"I know that cat in London—I recognise the white patch on her chest. She was evacuated to Chesham Bois when the war broke out."

"She didn't like the country. First morning there she takes a walk to the chicken-run and tries to go for a rooster."

"Well, the old rooster stands on tip-toe, and lets out a cock-a-doodle-"

do that sends this cat into raging hysterics. She runs away and hides on top of the bookcase in the drawing-room.

"Then somebody brings her here, and she hates the sight of the place. She hangs around the bushes, trying to cop herself a cock-robin or a sparrow for supper, and she doesn't have no luck."

"She tries to get into hut, but they pick her up by the loose skin at the scruff of her neck, and toss her out on her ear."

"She scrounges her grub round the cookhouse, and loiters about in the bushes. She comes off second best in a set-to with a weasel."

"And at last she finds what she thinks is a nice quiet place to rest in, and nukes herself a little home, and settles down to look for a feller and have some kittens."

"Well, she just about gets all set one Sunday afternoon, and has a quiet night. Then next morning she jumps out of her skin. She's been and settled down on the Bren-gun range."

"That sort of embitters her. She gets kind of browned off—fed up to the teeth. She goes mean. She decides to stick around this camp and bring people bad luck."

"I'm giving you fair warning—keep clear of that cat. She's a cow."

"If I was the Captain's bull-terrier I'd creep up behind her and give her the business. But they won't do anything about her—that's the Army all over. So take my tip: avoid her."

The Surrey Blond Man said, in his mild yet formidable tones: "How d'you know all this, Charlie?"

"I know it for a fact," said Charlie the Chancer. "Look, Sid—lend us a tosheroon till my postal order comes!"

"No," said the Surrey Blond Man.

Anti-Nazi Businessmen Vote In U. S.

Must Prevent Nazi Victory

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—"A German victory should be prevented at almost any cost" is the opinion of 84.1 per cent. of leading American businessmen, according to a survey conducted by the American magazine "Fortune."

Only 13.8 per cent. believed that "if Germany is victorious, the world would be safe and at least economically tolerable for the United States to live in without huge armaments."

Only 8.5 per cent. believed that Germany would succeed in establishing a new European Order with which it would be possible for us to resume business relations following approximately pre-war methods.

Half of those who polled favoured the development of the Defence Programme "at the expense of business as usual."

A percentage of 55.4 disapproved of the stand taken by Colonel Lindbergh and the isolationist, Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

Slav Centre In London

Czech Notification

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—London is now the headquarters of the Sokol Movement, declared the Czechoslovak Minister of the Interior, Dr Slavik, to-day.

"The Sokol Movement, with headquarters in London, will do all it can to help our Sokol brothers in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland. When Mr Churchill recently inspected our troops, they carried the standard given by the Sokols of the United States; one day they will carry that standard in triumph through the street of Prague."

The Sokol movement is a kind of brotherhood of the Slav peoples which used to meet every year and give gymnastic displays.

Lofoten Raid Sequel

German Persecution

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—One hundred and fifty people arrested on the Lofoten islands following the recent Anglo-Norwegian raid are now confined in a concentration camp near Oslo in appalling sanitary conditions, says the Norwegian Telegraph agency, quoting Swedish newspapers.

It adds that it seems clear that the Germans, who will later try the prisoners by Court Martial, hope that ruthless reprisals will prevent a recurrence of the raids.

PORTUGAL

Dr Salazar's Faith In Civilisation

LISBON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—"There exist certain absolute values in life to which everything should be sacrificed and among them the dignity of a nation, freedom and independence and territorial integrity," declared the Portuguese Premier, Dr Salazar, speaking in connection with the national celebrations in his honour.

"We have confidence and we have faith in our own loyalty and that of others. We trust in the strong unity of the nation and in the ideals of our civilisation which arms cannot kill nor fire destroy."

MALTA HARBOUR ATTACKED

Civilian Property Hit

MALTA, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The harbour was again the main target of two enemy air attacks on Malta last night, it is officially announced. Bombs also fell on a wide area, causing considerable damage to civilian property and a few civilian casualties.

This morning enemy aircraft carried out reconnaissance flights without incident.

Horia Sima Sought For Trial

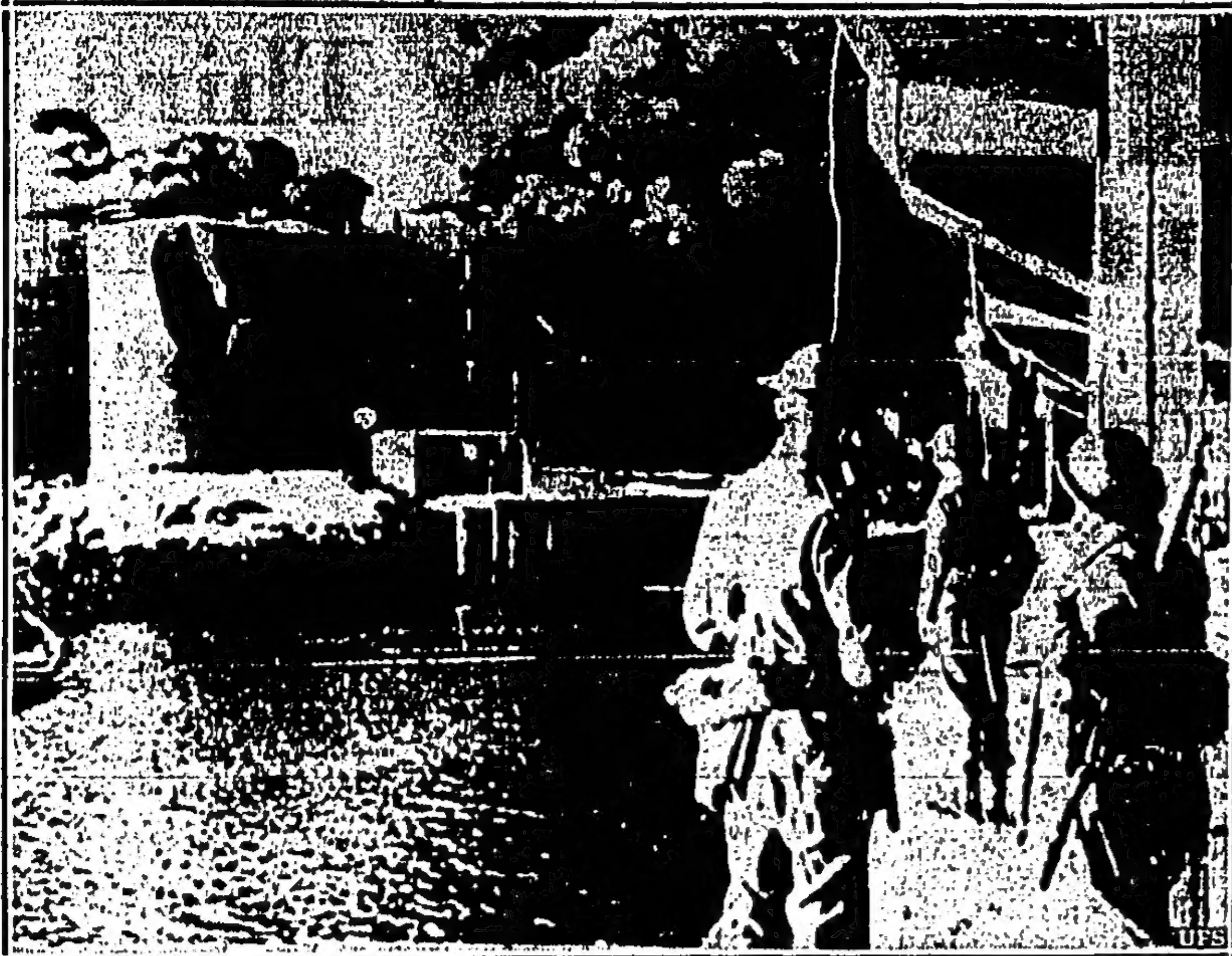
LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Rumania's Iron Guard leader, Horia Sima, has been summoned to appear before the military court at Bucharest within three days, according to the Lyons radio.

Sima, who was Deputy Premier in General Antonescu's Government, fled the country when the rebellion in which he was charged with playing a leading part, collapsed last January.

Trans-Atlantic Giant Land Plane

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Official permission to build a new four-engined land plane designed to fly to Europe in ten hours, and carrying between 50 and 80 passengers, has been given to the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

The machine will be the world's largest and most powerful land plane except the B-10 bomber, which is about to be tested in California. It will weigh 43 tons.



BRITISH RAID—In a daring raid on Nazi-held Lofoten Islands, Norway, the British captured 225 prisoners, set fire to huge oil tanks and destroyed a fishoil factory engaged in making glycerin for explosives. This cable picture shows British Marines watching one of the huge oil tanks burning.

Over 200 U.S. Ships In British Registry

Since the outbreak of war, the United States has transferred to British registry 166 ships totalling 623,508 tons. At the same time 41 ships totalling 61,288 tons have been transferred to Canadian registry.

While this total Anglo-Canadian tonnage of 684,796 is looked upon as a major contribution, it does not tell the whole story, according to the U.S. Maritime Commission.

The United States has also transferred a sizable amount of tonnage to still other countries where the great bulk of it is said to be serving Britain.

Thus the United States transferred to Panamanian registry 78 vessels, most of them oil tankers, with a total tonnage of 381,473. These ships are considered of particular importance in supplying the British with petroleum.

Brazil obtained 20 during the same period with a tonnage of 94,590. Ten Ships For Greece—Greece bought 10 vessels amounting to 42,112 tons, while Belgium obtained nine ships of 68,577 tons and France received 19 ships of 49,220 tons.

The Commission believes that most of the shipping sold to the last three countries is now engaged in supplying Britain, despite German occupation of the latter two.

Building Speed-up
Assuming, then, that the ships transferred to Greece, France, Panama, Brazil, and Belgium, as well as to Britain and Canada, are now in British service, either across the Atlantic or between British colonies and dominions, a total of nearly 1,400,000 tons has been contributed by the United States to the British marine effort since Sept. 1, 1939.

The present shipping is brightened somewhat by word from the Commission that its long-term shipbuilding programme has been speeded up to a point where a new commission-built ship is launched every five days, as contrasted with one every seven days at the end of 1940.

Universities And Youth At War

The future of Britain's universities is endangered by the recruitment into the Services of youths who, but for the war, would have entered universities.

This is the opinion of Dr Raymond Priestley, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham.

He told the Court of Governors recently:

"The real menace to our future is the Air Training Corps scheme. No one in his senses will grudge the R.A.F. the lion's share of the flower of the nation's youth. Nevertheless, this scheme, reaching right down into the schools, is the real danger the universities face to-day."

"The universities... foresee the loss of their raw material for 1942 and later war years."

Refused Churchill Drink Of Water

An old soldier, who once refused Mr Winston Churchill a drink of water, has sent his old age pension to the Aircraft Production Ministry. His letter will be brought to the Prime Minister's notice.

Signed "R. Bayne" it states: "Dear Sir, Please accept 10/- old age pension, for your Spitfire Fund to help Mr Churchill win the war. I once had to refuse him a drink of water when we were together on the Northwest Frontier of India, in 37. He was then, as now, a brave man." The letter is addressed from High Street, Bozeat, Northants. Mr Churchill was serving on the Indian frontier as an Army officer in 1897.

DYING AIRMAN'S LETTER

As he lay dying in hospital Sergeant Alfred Harrison, an air gunner in the R.A.F., wrote this letter to his mother, Mrs Harrison, of Edwin Street, Nottingham.

"My dearest mother, by the time you receive this letter you will no doubt know the news. Lives are given so that Britain shall still remain the first land in the world, and, come what may, nothing can alter the dignity and love for peace and security that is a Britisher's heritage. So remember, darling, I, along with others, died so that our loved ones shall be safe and secure."

"Well, darling, with my dying breath, I'll pray that our sacrifice was not in vain."

Scientist Is Head Of New U.S. Mission

Dr James B. Conant, president of Harvard University, and two research assistants, are in Britain on a mission whose purpose will be to facilitate the exchange between Britain and the United States of vital scientific information.

Officially little is being said about this mission, but its importance becomes clearer when it is recalled that the President shall be authorised to provide the British Government with "defence information" as well as equipment.

It is understood that Dr Conant's mission is "particularly interested" in the development of devices against night bombing in long-range bombers for operation in the stratosphere and in underwater sounding equipment by submarines are located.

Goering Fears Fire-Bombs

Goering apparently fears the effect of R.A.F. fire-bombs.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Basle "National Zeitung," the Nazis have invented a chemical to be sprinkled over forests and wooden buildings by planes.

It is also claimed that pipes are being treated with a tar-like chemical which prevents bursting or minimises it.

Shakespeare Is Best Seller

Shakespeare and the Bible remain the best sellers in the vast total of £2,005,281 worth of books sent overseas, despite the paper shortage, by British publishers during 1940. England's largest bookbinding firm is sending huge weekly shipments off to Empire countries, notably to South Africa, Canada and New Zealand. They have not lost a single book.

JOCKEY CLUB PONY CLASSIFICATIONS Lists Altered

Alterations and additions to classification lists dated March 23, 1941, were issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club yesterday. They are as follows:

Australian ponies to "B" class.—Angel of Glory, Bona Vacantina, Bugle, Mountain View, Prairie View, Royal Sovereign, Tien Tien Vanguard.
To "C" class.—Corvette, Double Dutch, Gay Fox, Googly, Seventy Six, Streamlet.
To "D" class.—A Blossom Time, Flying Fortress, Strathgully, Tobaccoship, Willow, Zadderday.
To "E" class.—Beauford, Harmony Star, High Hat, Subpoena, Sunspot, Trade Wind, Troop and Love.
China ponies.—World Fair View to "A" class, and Blue Field, Hopeful Star and Lovely View to "C" class.

Middlesex Lead Military Athletic Meet

THE ARMY athletic meeting was held at Shamshuipo yesterday. Middlesex led Royal Scots by three points at the conclusion of the events, with 8th Heavy Regiment third a point behind.

The track was very heavy due to the rain but some of the times were fairly good, especially in the 440 yards relay heats in which the winning teams both returned 47 sec.

Results: 110-yards tug-of-war, semi-finals.—12th Coastal Regiment beat Middlesex; two straight pulls, 8th Coastal Regiment beat 5th A.A. Regt. two straight pulls.
Throwing the discus, final.—Middlesex (Pte Levis, 115 ft. 1 in.; L/Cpl Wookkey, 99 ft. 7 in.; total 215 ft. 2 in.); 2, Hongkong Singapore Regt. (Cpl Abdul Rahman, 100 ft. 4 in.; Cpl Muzar Khan, 90 ft. 5 in.; total 187 ft. 1/2 in.); 3, 5th A.A. Regt. 160 ft. 8 1/2 in.

Putting the shot, final.—1, 8th Coastal Regt. 2, 57th Rajputs; 3, 2/14th Punjab; 4, 5th A.A. Regt. Time 9.47 1/2 Heat 2.—1, 10th Inn; 2, Royal Scots (L/Cpl Lane, 30 ft. 1 in.; Pte Duff, 34 ft. 1/2 in.; total 70 ft. 1 1/2 in.); 3, Middlesex (Pte Berry, 31 ft. 1 in.; Cpl Seton, 33 ft. 2 in.; total 64 ft. 7 1/2 in.)

440 yards relay, heat 1.—1, 8th Coastal Regt. 2, Combined Small Units; 3, 2/14th Punjab; 4, 5th A.A. Regt. Time 47. Heat 2.—1, 57th Rajputs; 2, Middlesex; 3, Royal Scots; 4, Hongkong Singapore Regt. Time 47.

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U. S. Navy Will Ignore Nazis

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—United States warships may enter the combat zones if necessary in the interests of the defence of the Western Hemisphere, President Roosevelt announced at a press conference to-day.

He added that the area of combat activities delineated by Germany round the British Isles had nothing to do with United States warships. They would go into it if necessary for the defence of the Western Hemisphere but that did not mean that they were going in.

Intimidation Attempt
BERLIN, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—"President Roosevelt's plans will have but one immediate result—the quick and certain sinking of American ships."

This threat is made in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" to-day in an article dealing with the American proposals to speed up supplies to Britain. The newspaper adds, "Americans should cherish no illusions. Whether sailing alone or escorted by warships, all consignments traversing the Atlantic are good for sinking."

It is claimed that the weapons of the German blockade lurk on all the routes between Britain and America and it is time that Americans realised what confronts shipping when President Roosevelt's plans mature.

Axis "At Home"

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The second of a series of Axis "Get Together" meetings was held in Rome to-day, states the German news agency.

The so-called "Constituent Assembly" of the Three-Power Pact met with Count Ciano presiding and the German and Japanese Ambassadors were present.

It is understood that another meeting on similar lines will shortly be held in Tokyo with Mr Yosuke Matsuoka in the chair.

TURKO-GERMAN Trade Pact

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 28 (Domei).—Government authorities declared that the recent German-Turkish commercial agreement has been concluded within the scope of the existing economic agreement between the two countries and has no novel character in it.

It is understood that the new agreement is between the commercial agents of the two countries on the basis of mutual compensation.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary Issued yesterday:

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Providents \$4.30
Hotels \$2.80
Lands \$30.50
Star Ferries \$50
Lights "O" \$5.75
Macao Electric X.D. \$17
Watsons \$0
Entertainments \$625

Sellers
Union Ins. \$430
Providents \$4.75
Lands \$30
Trains \$10
Electrics "Rts" \$14
Telephones "O" \$23

Sales
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 94 1/2
H.K. Bank \$1625
Union Ins. \$420
Star Ferries \$51.25
Lights "Rts" 40 cts

Nazis' Uneasy Time At Brest

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Attacks by both Bomber and Coastal Command aircraft on Brest where the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are lying were made to-day without the loss of any aircraft, says an official communique.

Audience With King

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King to-day received the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, at Buckingham Palace, and also the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound.

Nazi Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The German freighter, Natal, from Hamburg, has eluded the British blockade and has arrived at Santos with 260 tons of cargo.

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down a Messerschmitt fighter over Malta yesterday.

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Around The Courses

Much Depends On Putting

Cotton's Methods: Tips From Horton Smith

Mixed Foursomes Final At Country Club

(By "Birdie")

"MATCHES are won on the green". This is an old golf saying, and it does not mean that this is so because the greens are the only places where the holes are situated. It is because more strokes can be saved on the green with the putter than with all the remaining thirteen clubs on the fairways.

The incongruity of golf has often been remarked upon in that a 300-yard drive is equal to a three-yard, three-foot or three-inch putt, and it is the saving of strokes over the latter distances that wins or loses matches.

Henry Cotton in a January "Sporting and Dramatic" this year has an article dealing with this department of the game. He tells of the time he spent in search for the "secret", for, as Horton Smith has remarked "If you aren't putting well it is likely to undermine confidence for the rest of the game."

Smith is America's acknowledged wizard of the putting green. And his tip is to make sure you can sink a three-footer before aiming at the hole of 30-feet.

His procedure before a match is to drop several new balls on the green, three or four feet from the cup, and proceed to try and stroke them in from all directions. When he has the proper touch he drops back further.

In warming up he applies the same system to his other clubs. Starting with a No. 6 or 7, he works his way up through Nos. 5, 4, 3 and 2 to the woods.

Cotton operated on somewhat similar lines, except that in putting from four feet he took his stance in one rooted spot and spent hours hitting the balls along the same route until he had literally worn a groove in the green.

His belief was that if he could confidently sink the four-foot putts, there need be no needless anxiety to lay one's approach putts so dead.

He was seeking a system that never came. He tried Leo Diegel's eagle-spread-elbows style in that it cut out excessive wrist action. It improved his putting, he claims, but there were yet those occasions on which he failed by inches to reach the cup.

"I've often thought that a lawn bowler would make a great putter. The problem of 'weight' is a far greater one than that of accuracy. It does require rapid adjustment, for instance, when one has just come out of the bunker after yielding a heavy 'blaster' in smashing through the sand, to take the putter (in lighter club) and trickle one's ball to within a two-foot circle of the cup.

And there is, I feel, quite a lot in what Cotton says about cutting out wrist movement. For the

shorter putts, there is a better chance of accuracy in holding the wrists and arms semi-rigid and using the upper part of the body as the lever.

But from the golfers I have seen in Hongkong, the great error is in jabbing at the ball. There is little smoothness or follow-through.

THE 18-holes final of the Country Club Mixed Foursomes was played off on Sunday last and resulted in a win for C. H. T. Suen and Mrs. B. Botelho 5 and 3 over J. B. Mackie and Miss M. C. Churn.

The losers were two up at one period in the first nine, but Suen and Mrs. Botelho won the 8th and 9th holes to square the match. They then won four of the next five holes to become dormie 4! And the match finished on the 15th.

There was a point at issue in this match that needs, I think, some legislation. Several small holes were dug in the rough abounding the 3rd fairway for the planting of young trees. This was some while ago, and in the subsequent planting one of the holes was not filled in. Neither was there a tree planted in it.

A ball on Sunday fell into this hole, which was about a foot deep, and it being unplayable, it was picked up and dropped for a penalty of two strokes.

Strictly speaking, I do not think the penalty should have been incurred, for the hole was accurately ground under repair—though the ground staff had over-looked making the repairs.

Fortunately, I understand, the score at that point was such that the penalty made slight difference, but it is up to the Powers-that-be to either legislate or have the hole filled in.

Volunteer Bowls

Members of the Volunteers' Sergeants Mess are reminded that the list of names of those wishing to play in the Bowls match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, closes at noon to-day.

Choy Wins Badminton Singles Title

M. Silva And M. A. Xavier Take Women's Doubles

Junior Doubles To Fisher And Wynter-Blyth

(By "Tinker")

THE EXPECTATIONS of most people were realised at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night when K. W. Choy took the 1941 Badminton Singles Championship from P. H. Wong, the former champion. The match, however, was an easier one for Choy than was anticipated.

Miss M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier justified the confidence of their supporters and took the women's Doubles title, while in the Junior Doubles, A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth won after two hard fought games.

THOUGH it was not the best match of the evening, it was the main attraction, and P. H. Wong relinquished his hold on the Singles crown to K. W. Choy in the Senior Singles. In his efforts to take advantage of split seconds, Wong sacrificed much of his accuracy, especially down the sidelines, and through this and over-hitting conceded many points in the first game. Choy's smash was only about fifty per cent effective, for on several occasions Wong was able to return. The latter's best shot was his baseline drop and with this Choy constantly on the alert. As often as not, however, the shot was met with an equally fine drop that had Wong jumping from the baseline to retrieve.

Air of Tenseness

The tremendous crowd—that even overflowed on to the Press seats and forced the reporters to sit on the floor—were greatly appreciative of the issue at stake, and there was a distinct feeling of tenseness in the air.

Choy went into a 5-1 lead mainly through the use of his deceptive wrist shots at the net. From there Wong scored to draw up to 3-5, but in the next rally, Choy ran away to 12-3. Two more points went to Wong, but in the final rally Choy took three in a row to win 15-5.

In this game, Wong was not showing the form that has last year given him his triple championship. His anxiousness to take advantage of the slightest opening on the other side committed him to several errors. His sideline smashes were not just going out; they were even over the sidelines for the doubles court!

Partial Recovery

IN THE SECOND game, however, Wong showed a partial recovery. He matched Choy shot for shot but his clearing shots were not quite deep enough. This was probably because he had been hitting over the baseline in the first game, but the clearances to mid-court were fatal.

His service, too, underwent a change. Deep services had been treated with Choy's devastating smash, and for the most part later this was modified to short services to the forecourt.

His returns of Choy's smashes were brilliant, and were in remarkable contrast to his weakness down the sidelines.

From 5-4 Choy went to 9-4, but Wong drew up to 7-9 and then 8-10. The latter was fighting gamely, and on occasions caught Choy on the wrong foot with brilliant baseline drops.

At 8, however, Wong stayed. He could not prevent Choy from scoring first 2, then 1 and finally the winning two points for the game.

Thus Choy becomes the new Colony champion—and well worthy of the title.

Mixed Doubles

MISS SILVA and Miss Xavier fully deserved their victory. They were not only an excellent combination, but brought out shots that most players would envy. From the baseline, especially, Miss Xavier showed admirable and accurate control over drop shots, while Miss Silva moved around the court with fine understanding, and her anticipation at the net was remarkable.

Of the losers, Mrs. Torrible was far ahead of Mrs. Zimmerman. The latter failed to dispense an attack of "nerves" and was consequently disappointing in almost every department. There were isolated occasions, however, when she smashed to win a point, but they were too isolated. Mrs. Torrible swooped

Record Attendance

The crowd of over 350 people who attended the Badminton Finals at the K.C.C. last night constituted a record attendance for the Championships. There is only a limited accommodation, and people are advised to arrive early on Thursday, when the matches will start promptly at 8.30 p.m.

several times behind Mrs. Zimmerman to save a point, and generally provided the opposition. For the first game the score went 5-2, 5-4, 7-4, 9-5, 13-5, 13-7 and eventually 15-7. Progress in the second game was 0-2, 5-2, 11-4, 12-7 and 15-7.

Junior Doubles

A. E. XAVIER was the man on the losing side of the Junior Doubles to win most points for his side. C. C. Pereira was sadly erratic with both smashes and placing. Their combination, too, was not satisfactory, and on one or two occasions were inclined to clash.

For the winners, Wynter-Blyth was outstanding. Fisher had difficulty in the opening game in sighting the bird and made many errors. Later, however, he dealt convincingly with the same shots and scored repeatedly with smashes to the corners.

There was a greater understanding in the combination, and through this were often able to place the shuttle out of reach of the Recreio pair.

Xavier's height and speed at the net were a great asset. He scored several times with angled shots and sharp taps.

Score in the first game was 0-2, 3-6, 5-8, 8-8, 10-8, 10-10, 14-11 and 15-11.

In the second, 0-2, 2-3, 5-3, 5-5, 8-6, 9-9, 13-9, 13-10 and 13-11. Wynter-Blyth settled at five and the winners took the five without loss.

Junior Singles

T. S. YOUNG qualified to meet A. L. Fisher in the final of the Junior Singles when he beat D. Chelliah in three games. Young produced form reminiscent of that which eliminated N. L. Smith, and took the first game at 15-9.

The second, however, was a grand struggle. Chelliah made fine use of the drop and had Young continually reaching forward to retrieve. He came up from behind to level scores at 13-11, and amid much applause took the setted points for the game.

In the third, however, Chelliah showed a surprising lapse. His smashing was almost in pieces, and he could not find the sidelines. Young led 7-2, and 7-4 and with his next rally placed the issue beyond much doubt. Chelliah climbed to 8, but Young had taken too great a lead.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 10th May, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Sunday's Stars

Ullian Khoo and Mary Ng. China-Ullian's time-set double in the third frame which drove in three runs, sparked China's champions in their run-scoring rampage; latter hurled steady ball in holding the powerful Portuguese sluggers to five measly bingles for her third successive International hurling triumph in three years.

Cyclone Baker and Savage Hassan, India—Former made a sensational shoestring nab at short centre field, off Lou Leight's blazing drive in the 6th canto to stop a dangerous American scoring threat; latter played sure-charging ball, out at left field besides connecting for a slashing single, crossing the platter with a run and stealing two bases.

The following softballers have been chosen as the standout players of the year and will receive Johnny Pearce's prizes at the annual softball dance on May 10th.

A glove each for Gloria Mar—best fielding. Ernie Hearther—best fielding. Two bats each for Yvonne Yalle—best batting. Cyclone Baker—best batting. Twelve medals for each senior loop championship team. (St Joseph's and the Wildcats).

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The highest score since the bowling alley opened three years ago was recorded last night when Cpl. Blunt, of Signals, scored 299 at 10 pins.

Blount made 11 successive strikes and with his last ball left one pin standing. The previous highest score was 278, registered by Cpl. Watts, of Signals.

Starlet Ullian Khoo, Malaya's stalwart contribution to local ball circles, led a tremendous Chinese drive for the ladies' pennant as Cathay's lassies terrorized a bewildered Portuguese team 13-5, to dash in with their third successive title in three years.

India's remarkable consistent-playing team made the "grand achievement" climax of the year in chalking up their second straight All-Nation championship with a sparkling title victory over a demoralized United States nine.

GLIDING majestically above the loud din of softball's official finish for the current season, China's powerful clouting lassies, playing like true champions in defense of their two year title and possession of the Molten Shield, shelled out a heavy thirteen hit barrage to overwhelm a weak Portugal threat 13-5.

The Chinese lassies, in amassing their huge run-scoring total, dashed up a brand of combined slugging which clearly demonstrated to the rabid fans China's superiority in the local ladies' softball realm.

Led by outfielders Ullian Khoo and Doris Mar, the champions came from behind in the 3rd inning with a devastating four run attack to signal their start on the road to victory, as hefty hitting Ullian Khoo slammed out a terrific double to centre, driving in three runs after Mary Ng. Mary Mar and Doris Mar had filed the bags with neat bunting and whippet running. Heroine Ullian came home on Lily Mar's single to end the scoring in this frame.

Portugal's challenging stars played loose ball after this pulverizing run attack, and the titleholders clinched the game in the next stanza with a five run scoring spree on successive singles by China's dynamic trio of Doris Mar, Ullian Khoo and Lily Mar.

The Chinese gals added three more tallies to their total in the 6th canto when the irrepressible Ullian Khoo, Lily Mar and Dot Louie checked in at the platter on a single, a balk and a passed ball. The winners climaxed their brilliant championship drive in the last frame with a solitary run.

Portuguese hurler Thelma Colloco, remained in a troubled atmosphere continually in a fruitless attempt to subdue the powerful Chinese willow-wielders, while an erratic infield gave her a minimum of support as they played inconsistent ball throughout the game.

Team co-operation, an absolute essentiality in the making of worthy champions, was sadly lacking in Harry Noronha's lineup as Portugal's belles took this big loss in their second desperate title challenge.

Winning slabster Mary Ng, in hurling one of her finest games of the year, had such heavy clouters as Irene Pereira, Celeste Marques, Irene Coelho, Terry Noronha et al., well under control in chalking up her third straight championship win in three years, as she held the finalists to five measly bingles.

THE highly consistent play that makes real champions was superlatively exemplified when India's rip-roaring titleholders took a glorious 7-2 triumph in a favoured American team to retain the Jimmy King Shield and International championship for the second successive year.

With the return of A. B. Kitchell who sparked a classy-playing infield, the defending champions dialed up a brilliant display of air-tight ball behind the steady hurling of ace Kama Nazari who limited the dangerous Waggoner-men to four bingles.

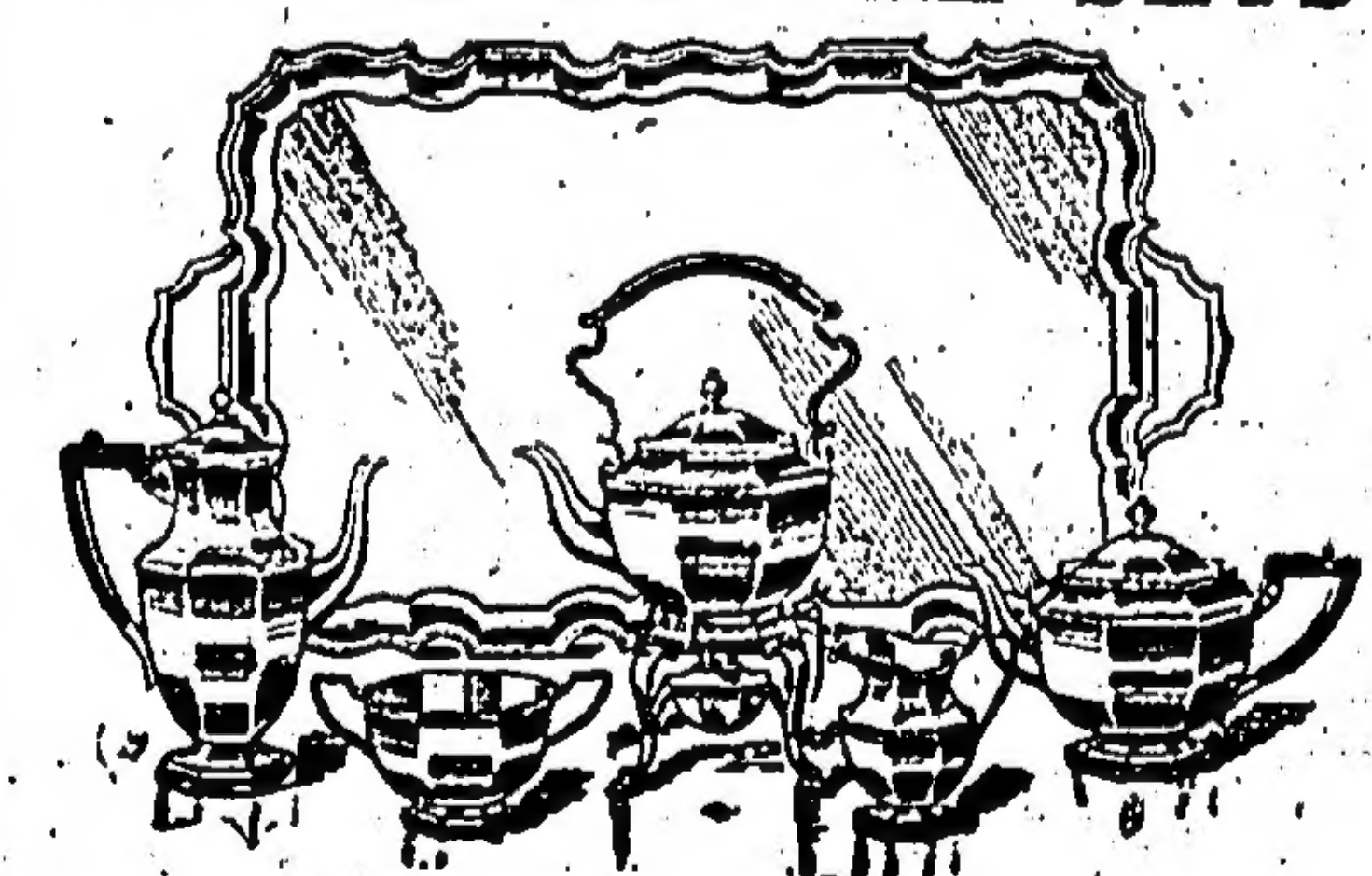
The Indians started off in winning fashion with two previous tallies in the opening frame on an error, a sacrifice and a grand cutter through second by Savage Hassan as Sherry Bux and Jindoo Hussain hustled home to start the Indians off on their run-making forays. The champions placed the old Inter-Nation title on ice in the 4th canto when they breezed in with three more runs on a stringing clout by Savage Hassan and Skellery Rader, and loose playing by a flustered American infield.

The Yankees made their biggest bid in the last of the 4th with two runs when galloping Pete Fitch opened the inning with a tremendous homer to deep left, followed by Doc McIlhen's tally on a passed ball.

India's brilliant lineup played dashing confident ball to come through with this starry climax win and are worthy holders of a spot in the local softball "hall of fame."

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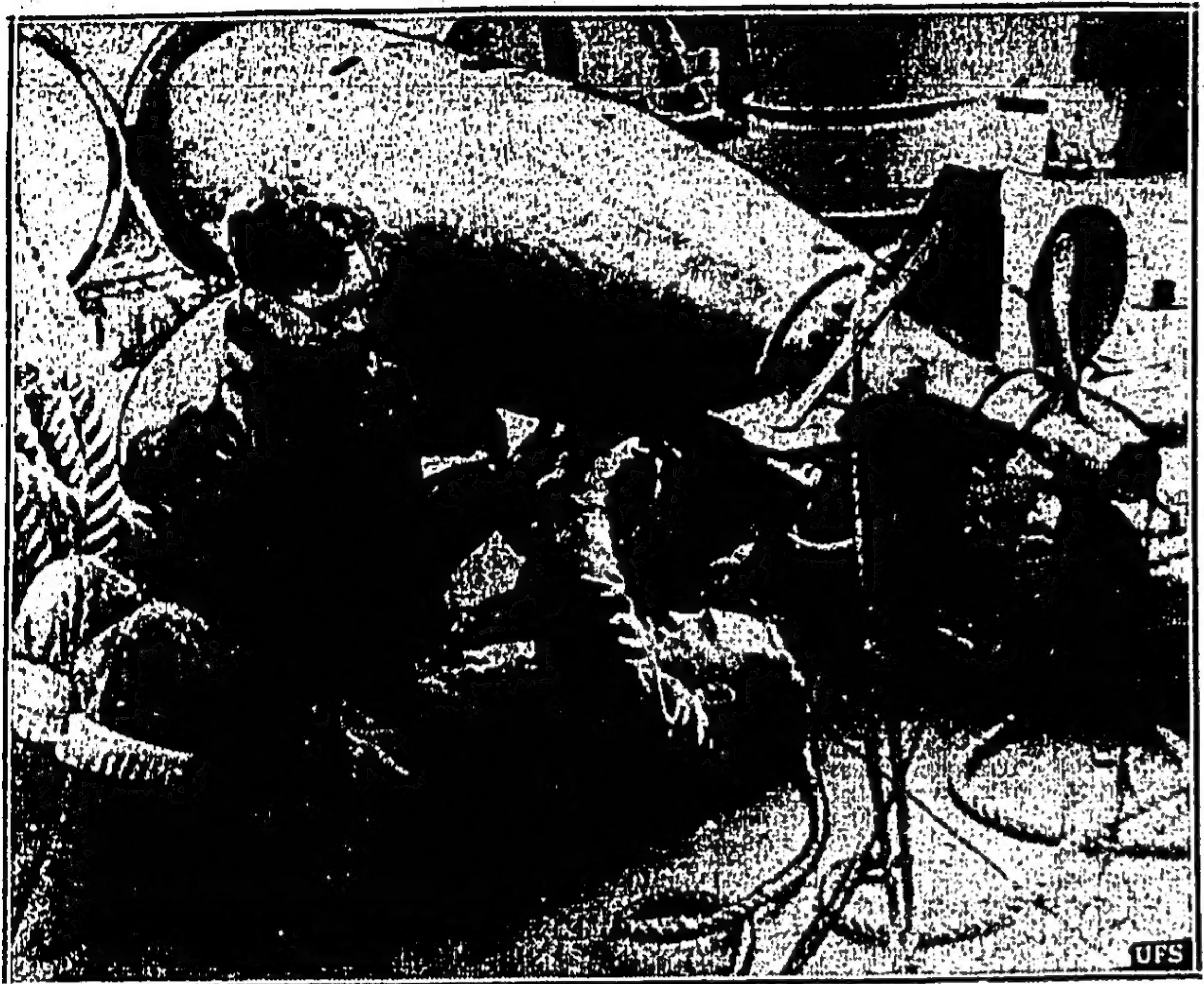
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Youngest Prisoner of War

AT school they called Leslie McDermott Brown the "Admiral." To go to sea was his great ambition, and at fifteen he was a cadet in the Glasgow liner Kemmendine.

She vanished on a voyage from Cape Town to Rangoon last August. Now "Admiral" Brown is known to be a captive of the Nazis—the youngest British prisoner of war in Germany.

His mother overjoyed that he is alive, has taken from a wardrobe the warm coat he used to wear on the bridge.

She has hung it proudly on the side of the dining-room mantelpiece in her home.

Recently she got a postcard from him from a German prison camp.

"When Leslie left on what was the last voyage of the Kemmendine, he knew he was going to a hot climate," said Mrs. Brown.

"So he left behind all his heavy clothes, including his bridge coat, of which he was very proud."

Her Thank-offering

"At nights, when I listened to the German broadcasts and I did not hear my boy's name mentioned among the prisoners of war, I sometimes felt depressed."

"I took out his bridge coat and wept over it."

As a thank-offering for the safety of her son Mrs. Brown has given £5 to the Red Cross.

Leslie has a brother in the R.A.F., who wrote often to his mother during her months of anxiety that he was sure that Leslie was safe.

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1.45 Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.
Second Rhapsody (George Gershwin); Heart and Soul (from Film: "A Song is Born"); White a Cigarette Was Burning (Charles and Nick Kenny); When Day is Done (De Sylva-Katscher); "The Merry Widow"—Waltz (Lehar); "The Chocolate Soldier"—My Hero Waltz (O. Strauss).

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Bizet Programme.
"Carmen"—Fantasia... The Charleston Opera Orchestra; 1 Still Seem To Hear ("The Pearl Fishers")... Luigi Fort (Tenor); The Fair Maid of Perth—Suite; (1) Prelude—(2) (a) Aubade; (b) Serenade; (3) March; (4) Gypsy Dance... Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Half an Hour of Dance Music.
8.00 Local Time Signal.
8.02 Light and Humorous Variety.
8.09 London Relay—News and News Commentary.

9.15 Studio—Letter from Free China.
9.30 Compositions of Ravel.
Sonatine for Piano—1st Mov.: Moder.; 2nd Mov.: Menuet; 3rd Mov.: Andante... Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.45 "Arise!—At the Court of Frederick the Great".
Musical Antiquities Speeches by N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. A. Gifford, H. Barton directed by Nicholas Roth.

10.00 Studio—The Third of a Series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day with excerpts from Famous Plays by the Studio Players. Arranged by Evelyn Wood.

10.35 "Arise!—At the Court of Frederick the Great".
Musical Antiquities Speeches by N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. A. Gifford, H. Barton directed by Nicholas Roth.

11.00 Close Down.

Ships Must Listen To B.B.C. News

All British ships of less than 1,000 tons must not go to sea unless equipped with radio able to receive the B.B.C.'s home or overseas news in English.

They must maintain a wireless watch to ensure that the news bulletins are received.

The Admiralty has made this order under the Defence Regulations.

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The Noparo, palatial yacht of Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow (Barbara Hutton, a Woolworth heiress) has been sold to the United States Navy for a dollar (5s. at present exchange) to be used as an auxiliary ship.

Built at Kiel, Germany, in 1926, she is 157 feet long, and carries a crew of twenty-three.

French Army Keeps Jewish General

France's only Jewish General, Bloch, is to be retained in the army in spite of recent laws governing the activity of Jews in France.

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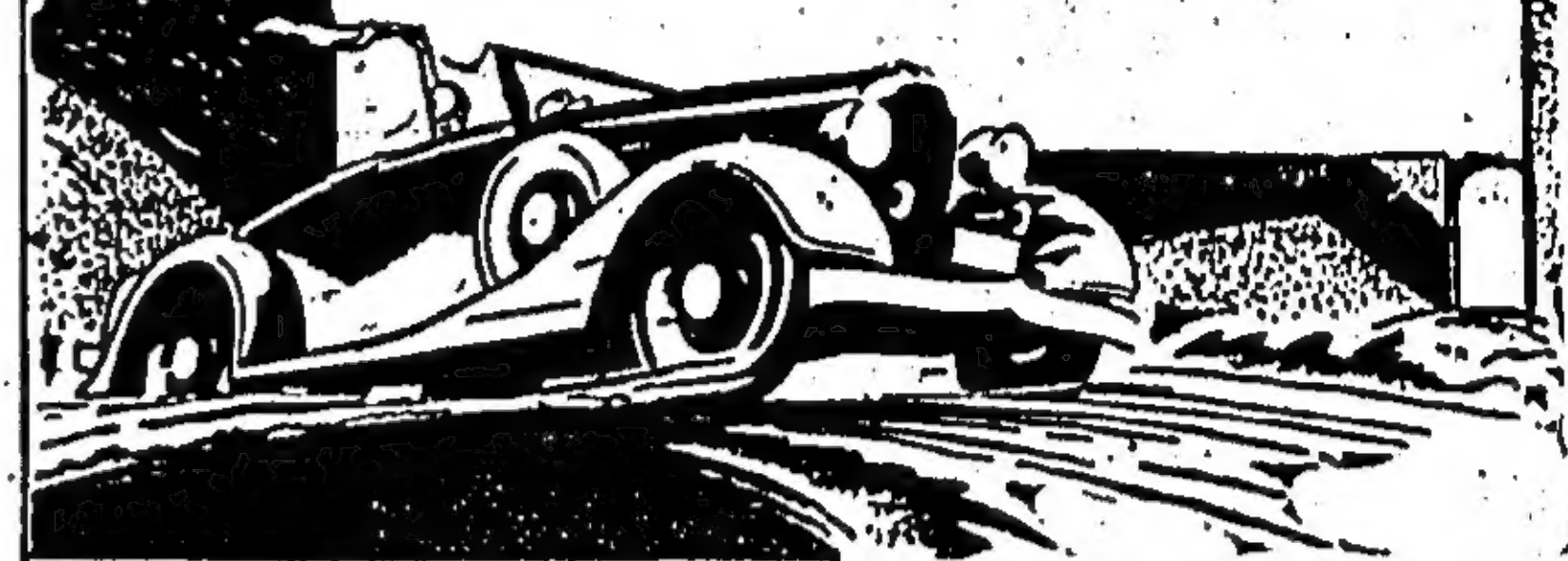
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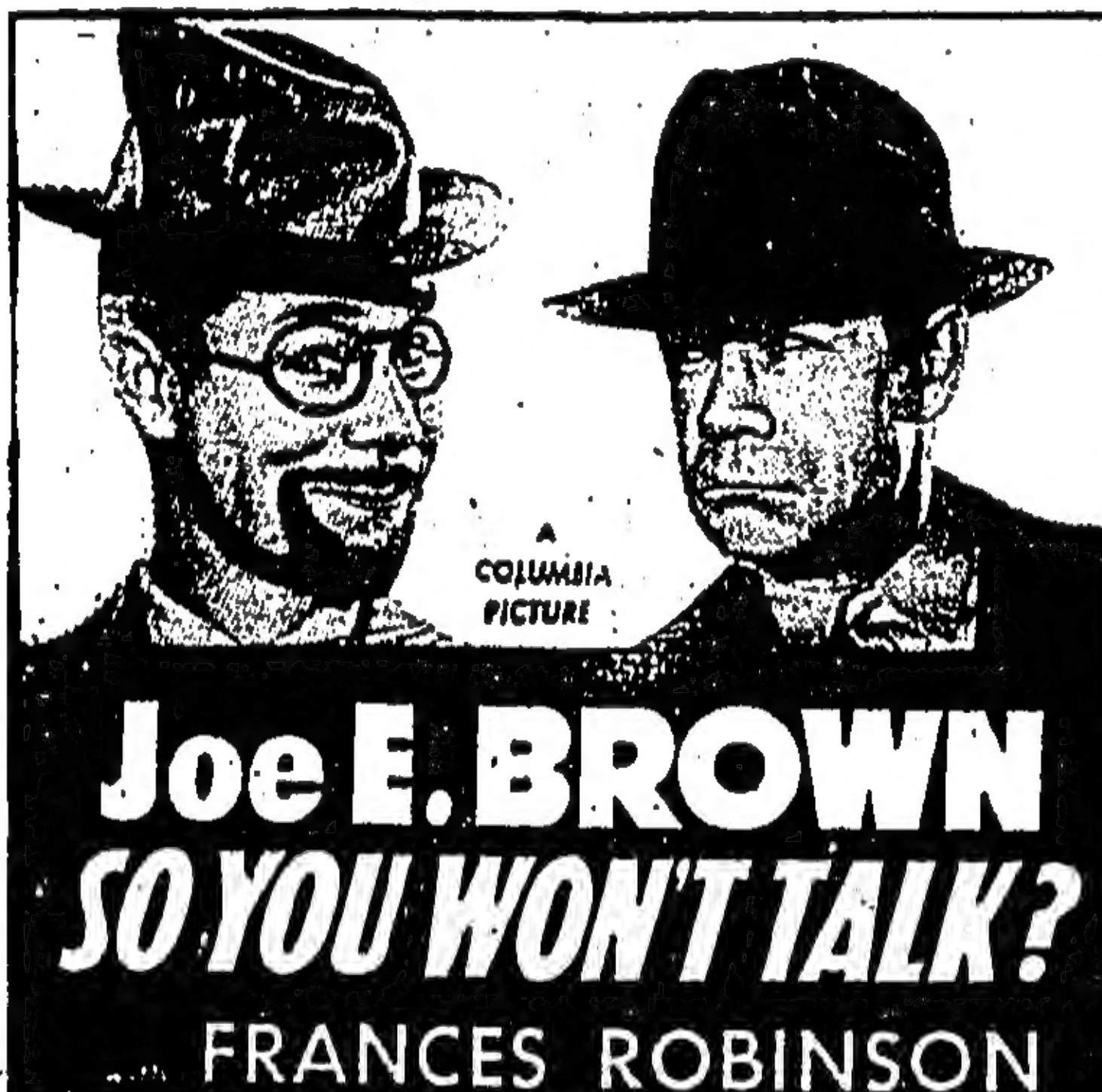


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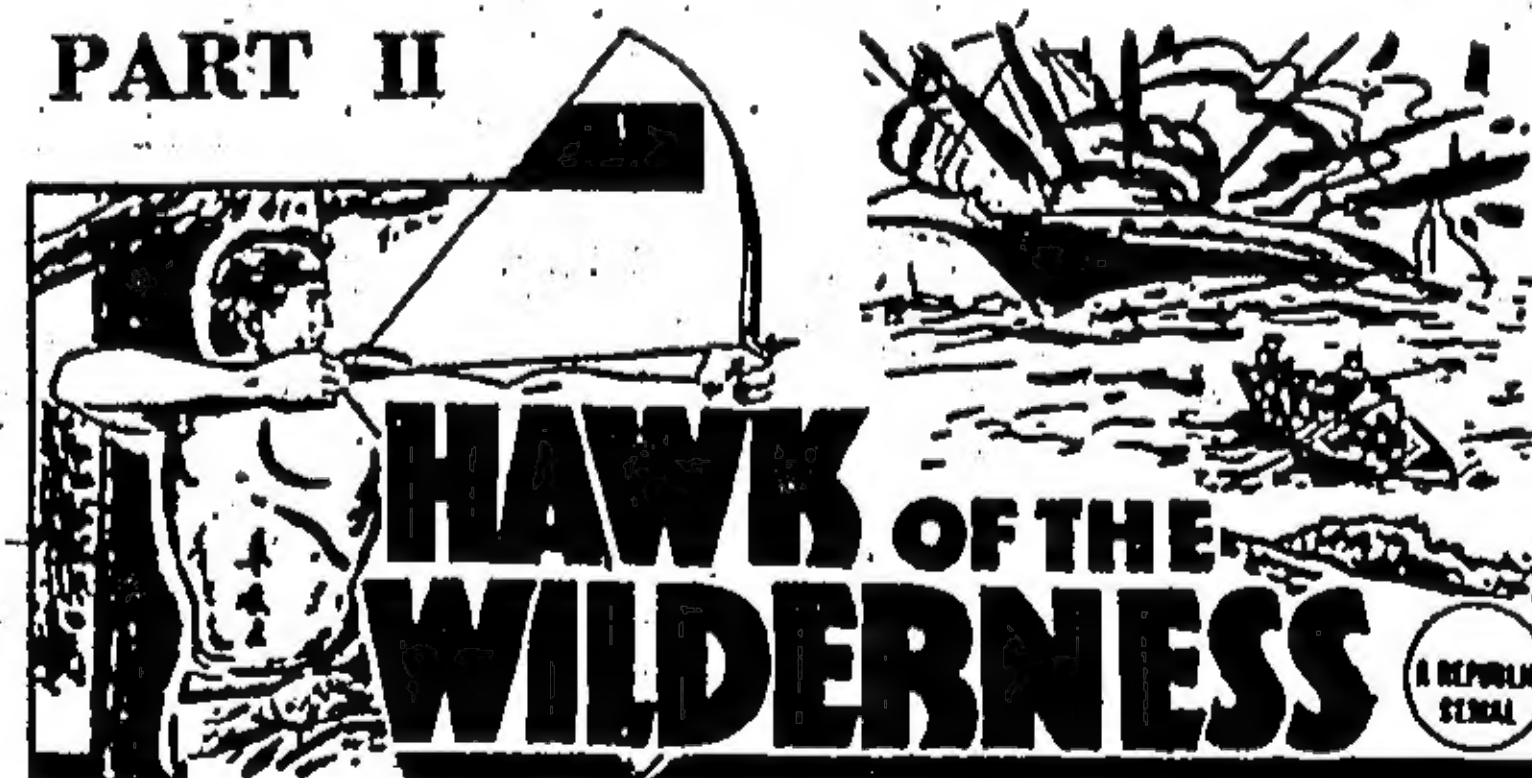
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ENEMY HALTED AT SOLLUM

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for the enemy. A mobile column yesterday swept down the escarpment which runs close to the sea at Sollum and tried to break through along the coastal road.

The enemy thus exposed their right flank to one of the most famous regiments of the British Army and when they came up against frontal opposition, they had to retreat hastily to their former positions. They retired under heavy fire and suffered very heavy casualties.

British armoured forces are meanwhile sweeping ceaselessly across the great desert plateau on top of the escarpment to counter any attempt to circle round our left flank.

At the moment the Germans are apparently pausing to think where next to direct their own and the Italian's efforts.

Canadian Daring

A feat which was described by a senior R.A.F. officer as "the most outstanding example of personal initiative and daring I have yet seen" was performed to-day by a Canadian pilot.

The pilot, who was flying on reconnaissance in a newly-arrived American plane, saw a large number of Junkers 52's (troop-carrying planes) lined up wing to wing on Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi. He asked his crew whether they were willing to attack despite the fact that the flight was purely a reconnaissance one.

"Sure, let's have a crack at them" was the reply.

He thereupon dived down from 12,000 feet until he was only 50 feet above the ground and flew straight across the line of German planes, out of which troops were just stepping. His guns set fire to one plane and several others were enveloped in smoke.

The troops, apparently flabbergasted by the sudden attack, had no time to raise their Tommy guns and crumpled up all along the line.

The gunner reported that he saw at least 200 men hit and fall.

This is the largest collection of aircraft seen at the Libyan aerodrome and indicates the extent to which the Germans find it necessary to stiffen the Italians.

Troops Are Keen

Mr Churchill's speech on Sunday, which is taken to mean that we do not intend to accept a defensive attitude here, has caused the greatest satisfaction among the troops, who are not in the least intimidated by the superior numbers against them and who are all as keen as possible to get to grips with the "Jerry's."

LATE NEWS

Basic English Boost To Latin Americans

Addressing 110 South American "good neighbours," attending a six weeks' "summer school" at the University of North Carolina, Dr I. A. Richards, well-known British scholar, said that "Basic English," which requires only 850 words but can express almost any thought and can be learned rapidly, "may soon become the world language for business and everyday purposes."

The main purpose of "Basic English," Dr Richards said, is to provide a second or international language and a quick first step in learning normal English.

"Thirty countries are teaching basic English in their schools," he went on. "It is being used by international organisations, by businessmen, and for international radio. The secret of the three-in-one power of basic English is the way in which the selection of words was made. The first question was not how frequently a word might be used, but: 'In what ways will this word take the place of what other words?'"

Big Words And Small

He illustrated this by quoting passages on government, democracy, and totalitarianism, covering writers from Plato.

Dr Quo Impressed

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tion of the new railway in South China over which their Government could obtain outside supplies, is progressing well. United States and British help for the completion and operation of the railway is in prospect. Dr Quo stated that the railway will become the symbol of practical co-operation between the United States, Britain and China.

Courtesy Call

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—At a press conference to-day, the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull said that Dr Quo is in the city for several days on a visit of courtesy and friendship as he goes home to assume his duties as China's Foreign Minister. He asserted that during Dr Quo's courtesy call to-day, there was a brief general interchange of international information.

His Holiness Swami Bon of the Chaitanya School of Indian Philosophy of Calcutta is now in the Colony on his way to India from a recent extensive American tour.

Artillery & Aerial Duel Over Channel

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black smoke rose 200 feet into the air between Calais and Boulogne indicating that all tanks had been hit. A little later a cloud of steam was seen to shoot into the sky from Boulogne harbour indicating that a ship had been struck.

Still later two more columns of smoke were seen close to Calais continuing for ten or fifteen minutes. One fire was apparently ashore but the other was close to the cliffs, believed to be a ship.

The visibility was exceptionally good and at the height of the bombardment, the Boulogne Cathedral could be easily seen with binoculars, but in the early afternoon a haze arose and hid the French coast.

More Nazi Ships Hit

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—During to-day's operations by aircraft of the Bomber Command, four medium-sized ships encountered north of Dunkirk were bombed and machine-gunned despite thick cloud and rain, announces the Air Ministry. As the bombers turned for home a number of Messerschmitts tried to intercept them but were beaten off by the fighter escort.

Spitfires on patrol over the Straits of Dover encountered a number of German fighters and a dogfight ended with the Germans quickly disappearing into the cloud.

A British pilot said: "Although we did not see any of the Huns crash, some were damaged and we were left 'cock of the walk'."

Swallowed In Quicksands

One of the two bombers shot down by anti-aircraft fire during the raid on Plymouth crashed into the sea only 220 yards from the shore. When it hit the water, it threw up a terrific column of spray.

A search was made at daybreak for the wreckage but the quicksands where it crashed had swallowed it up.

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ARTILLERY & AERIAL DUEL OVER CHANNEL: BRITISH GUNS SCORE

Special to the "Telegraph"

DOVER, APR. 29 (UP).—A LONG RANGE GUN BOMBARDMENT WHICH STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING CONTINUED WITH UNABATED FURY UNTIL AFTER 1 P.M., THUS PASSING THE FIVE HOUR MARK.

WHILE THE BOMBARDMENT WAS UNDER WAY THE R.A.F. AND LUFTWAFFE FOUGHT A SERIES OF BATTLES OVER THE CHANNEL. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NEARLY 100 MESSERSCHMITTS, FLYING IN FORMATIONS, AT INTERVALS ATTEMPTED TO PENETRATE THE COASTAL DEFENCES BUT SPITFIRES AND HURRICANES THREW THEM BACK MOSTLY BEFORE THEY REACHED THE COAST.

ENEMY HALTED AT SOLLUM

Worried By British Tactics

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Authoritative circles to-day described the Axis advance in Egypt as being "most cautious." The three small columns which crossed the border last Saturday converging on "Hell's Fire Pass" just above Sollum, only progressed five or six miles in three days. Apparently no further progress was made yesterday as the British mobile units continued their "henpecking."

Apparently the attacking forces, mostly Italians, were permitted to take Sollum without serious resistance because it is not important militarily and is extremely hard to defend effectively. As a result of the raids from Tobruk, they find the Australian raids rather more than they like.

It was emphasised that Tobruk is not closely invested on the land side.

Three Column Drive

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Enemy troops on the Egyptian frontier, he said, had reached a point about five miles east of Sollum and had halted there. It was difficult to determine whether the halt was due to the harassing action of the British patrols, R.A.F. bombing, supply problems or sandstorms. The halt was probably due to a combination of all four factors.

Enemy troops are now spread out in a long straggling line from Tripoli to Sollum. There are minor groups round Bardia and Tobruk. The head of their advance consists of three columns—one on the coastal road and two on a higher escarpment. All three have halted near Sollum.

German troops particularly, the spokesman continued, are now experiencing the difficulties of desert warfare, namely water shortage, transport problems and that hot dusty wind which, according to an Arab proverb, justifies the murder if it continues for five days.

The situation in Libya generally, the spokesman said, is viewed in Cairo with calm optimism.

Troop Planes Attacked

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. attacked Junkers troop-carrying planes embarking enemy troops at Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi, again yesterday. One plane was destroyed and a number of others were severely damaged.

Considerable casualties were inflicted among the troops, adds the R.A.F. communiqué.

Enemy Outflanked

April 28 (Delayed in Transmission).—The first German-Italian attempt to dash across the Egyptian frontier resulted in a sharp rebuff. TURN to Back Page, Column 3

German shells for the first time mostly exploded in the air, scattering splinters over a wide area apparently in the hope that there would be many casualties, but police reported only two minor casualties.

The bombardment began about 8 a.m. with single shells from the batteries on Cap Griz Nez falling at intervals of from eight to ten minutes. British guns began to reply about 10 a.m.

Dr Quo Is Impressed, Encouraged By U.S. & British Aid To China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, the new Chinese Foreign Minister, after conferences to-day with President Roosevelt and Mr Cordell Hull, said he was "greatly encouraged" regarding the prospect of Sino-American co-operation.

He stated that he had learned that the United States was already sending material to aid of China and he found the President strongly interested in helping China.

The Chinese Ambassador Mr Hu Shih, observed that material was going from the United States to China in "ever increasing amounts."

China's Importance

Dr Quo Tai-chi told the press that President Roosevelt looks at the world as a whole and thus has in mind China's important place in it. He asserted that the President had received and talked with him most cordially, and that the conversation with Mr Cordell Hull was very satisfactory. He remarked that Mr Hull is a man with a "clear vision and strict adherence to principles."

Both Dr Quo and Mr Hu Shih said that the programme for the complete TURN to Back Page, Column 5

At 11 o'clock the Germans suddenly intensified the bombardment firing two, three, four and six gun salvos. Shells rained over the Dover area almost every minute. Pedestrians scattered for cover as the new German tactics of scattering splinters became apparent. However, motor traffic including buses continued almost normally.

British Guns Hit Back

It is reported that the shelling was heaviest between 11 a.m. and noon with shells falling in groups of three at intervals of only two or three minutes, then followed a half hour lull, broken at 1.30 p.m. by the crash of two shells.

The British guns replied and watchers reported that at least two big fires were started on the French coast and two others apparently aboard ships.

At the height of the British bombardment, a large column of TURN to Back Page, Column 4

Axis Ships Sunk And Damaged

Summary Of A Week

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Thirty successful attacks on Axis shipping by units of the Fleet and R.A.F. are reported by official sources during the week ending April 27.

The biggest single episode was the naval bombardment of Tripoli at dawn on April 21 when three transports were set on fire, one of which was seen to sink, an ammunition ship exploded, a supply ship sank, another was seriously on fire and a destroyer was heavily hit.

Other naval successes include the torpedoing of a 10,000 ton tanker, a 6,000 ton supply ship, a 7,000 ton supply ship and a 2,000 ton ammunition ship in the Mediterranean, all announced on April 22.

Our Subs Score

A fully laden tanker bound for Tripoli was sunk by the submarine Tetrach, and a heavily laden blockade-running oil tanker of more than 10,000 tons was sunk by the submarine Ugo.

At least six ships were hit off Norway, including a 3,000 ton supply ship left sinking, and a 1,500 ton tanker almost completely destroyed.

In a very low level attack on a heavily escorted convoy of three ships some miles west of Heligoland on April 25, a very large vessel was set on fire and almost certainly destroyed and another was hit on the stern and severely damaged.

Off Dutch Coast

Off the Dutch coast, at least nine vessels were bombed, including three direct hits on an 8,000 ton supply ship in a convoy, a 4,000 ton vessel in a convoy off the Frisian Islands was damaged.

The week's most sensational attack was delivered at dawn of April 25 from a height of 25 feet on a 1,600 ton supply ship one mile up the Huisne Waterway between Hook of Holland and Rotterdam. Smaller ships were attacked with bombs and machine-guns in the same operation.

Mr Churchill Promises House A Debate On Balkan War

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Mr Winston Churchill told the House of Commons to-day that he was sure that the country would not wish to receive news of the war situation which "added to the dangers of our troops, when delicate, dangerous and critical operations are being successfully carried out."

CANADA WILL FINANCE U.K. PURCHASES

OTTAWA, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Canada has pledged itself to finance the bulk of British purchases in Canada, estimated at \$1,500,000,000, declared the Finance Minister, Mr J. L. Halsey, in presenting the country's third War Budget to-day.

Speaking of Britain's difficulty in obtaining Canadian dollars, the Minister said that Britain's deficit in this connection was \$795,000,000.

Declaring that it was unthinkable that Britain should be unable to purchase vital supplies in Canada because of lack of Canadian dollars, the Minister said that Canada would meet such proportion of that total deficit as Britain herself would be unable to meet by transfer of gold or United States dollars to Canada.

Mr Halsey praised the new arrangement with the United States as a "magnificent contribution to our common struggle, not to ease the convenience of the Canadian people."

At the end of the fiscal year, Canada's balance of payments with the United States showed deficit of probably \$478,000,000.

Canada's total war bill for the current fiscal year is estimated at \$1,450,000,000.

Loud cheers greeted this pregnant statement which was made during question time discussion of the possibility of reorganising Cabinet machinery and of an early Parliamentary debate on the general war situation.

The Prime Minister announced that a debate would be possible on the first day of Parliament after this week. He indicated that Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, might take an important part in the debate which would be conducted on the basis of a motion which Mr Churchill read as follows:

"This House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government in sending aid to Greece."

Prosecuting War

Loud and prolonged cheers were raised, after which the Prime Minister continued:

"It declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and all other theatres of war will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour."

Mr Churchill had earlier rejected a suggestion to consider appointing a small Supreme War Cabinet of Ministers without departmental responsibilities and including statesmen of the calibre of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies.

Egyptian Confidence

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Mr Winston Churchill's bold warning of dangers to come and his frank admission of British reverses have not depressed the Egyptians but have rather stimulated them by the fact that Britain is more determined than ever to defeat Germany, declared an Egyptian Government spokesman to "Reuters" to-day.

"There is no feeling among the Egyptians that the British Empire will split in twain if the enemy should

close the Mediterranean since the exploits of the Indian troops in Africa have brought home the knowledge that close at hand lies the Empire's eastern bulwark—India—which is able to produce men and material apart from supplies continually arriving from England."

Approval Of Balkan War

WELLINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuters). The New Zealand War Council to-day passed a resolution expressing full support of the Government's action in agreeing to the dispatch of New Zealand troops to Greece.

The Government's decision was arrived at "after a most able and accurate appreciation of the situation," says the resolution, which was adopted by the Council after listening to a statement by the Prime Minister, Mr Peter Fraser, giving details of the events leading up to it.

LINDBERGH RESIGNATION

—Accepted

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Colonel Lindbergh's resignation from the United States Air Corps Reserve has been accepted by the War Department.

Colonel Lindbergh tendered his resignation following President Roosevelt's criticism of his isolationist views. The President described Lindbergh as a "copperhead" which is the most deadly snake in the United States.

Mr Early's Comment

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Scarcely an hour before the War Department accepted Lindbergh's resignation, Mr Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's Secretary said that Lindbergh's request to resign "leads me to wonder whether or not he is returning his decoration to Mr. Hitler."

Secretary of War Stimson accepted the resignation soon after its receipt this morning. The text of the actual letter will not be made public.

Exchange Of Scientists Britain And America

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Wireless).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that after consultation with the appropriate authorities in the United States, the British Government had drawn up a comprehensive scheme which had already been put into operation in scientific matters with the U.S.A.

Dr Darwin, Director of the National Physical Laboratory, had been sent as Director of a Central Scientific Office working under the direction of the British Supply Council in North America.

In addition, Dr Comant, President of Harvard University, had recently visited England as President Roosevelt's representative in order to establish a corresponding mission in Britain.

Blitz Has Left Part Of Plymouth Uninhabitable

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—A large part of Plymouth is to be declared an evacuation area following four raids in eight nights.

Ten thousand school-children are to be moved immediately to rural areas in Devon and Cornwall. Mothers with children, expectant mothers and old-age pensioners who wish to make their own arrangements will be assisted to evacuate.

A decision to this effect was reached at a conference between the city's Emergency Committee and a representative of the Ministry of Health.

Latest reports indicate that Monday night's raid caused widespread damage, particularly in areas already heavily hit, and many people were killed. Nevertheless, the casualties were not so heavy as in any of last week's raids.

It is now confirmed that four German aircraft were destroyed during the raid on Plymouth on Monday night, three by anti-aircraft guns, says the Air Ministry.

Although there has been a certain amount of activity by enemy aircraft during to-day's raid on the southeast coast, there are no reports of bombs being dropped.

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Notice To Mariners

Buoys have been replaced by beacons in certain positions in Singapore waters, according to a Notice to Mariners issued by the Harbour Department yesterday. Details are:

1. Beacons consisting of a staff surmounted by a white disc have been established in the following positions:
 - (i) 1 1/2 cables 239 degrees from the light on Pulo Saklang Peleph (East St John Island).
 - (ii) 2 1/4 cables 300 degrees from the occulting green light in Fairburn Channel.
 - (iii) 0.6 cables 071 degrees from the white obelisk on Pulo Tombakul (Peak Island), in the charted position of the stake.
 - (iv) The red spherical buoys laid in the following positions are being withdrawn:
 - (i) 1 1/4 cables 238 degrees from the light on Pulo Saklang Peleph (East St John Island).
 - (ii) 2 1/4 cables 300 degrees from the occulting green light in Fairburn Channel.

FIFTH COLUMN DRIVE

Brazilian Move Irks Japan

Measures taken by the Brazilian Government against Fifth Columnists are treated as aimed at Japan, in a dispatch to the "Asahi" from its Rio de Janeiro correspondent, who asserts they are adversely affecting Japanese trade and immigration.

He reports that Brazil, which had hitherto been—in his view—strictly neutral in the struggle between democratic and totalitarian States, is now adopting an unfriendly attitude toward Japan and enforcing measures detrimental to Japan's interests.

Among such measures the "Asahi" correspondent enumerates the export licence system, suspension of visas to foreigners, suppression of foreign-language newspapers and "aggressive" purchase of Brazilian cotton by Britain. The newspaper predicts that such measures must affect Japan's policy toward Brazil.

SIR OWEN ILL REPORTED TO BE NOW OUT OF DANGER

It is reported from Chicago that Sir David J. Owen, who became seriously ill there on his return journey to the United Kingdom, is now out of danger though he will be confined to bed for three weeks more.

Sir David, it will be remembered, recently conducted an inquiry into the development of the Port of Hongkong, the report of which has just been published.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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British and Foreign
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25 cents Saturdays.

Black-out Light Offences

Photographic Evidence

Police throughout Britain will soon be using special cameras to photograph car head-lamps and badly screened windows during the blackout.

Bedford police are the first to use it. At Bedford police court the other day a motorist was fined 10s. because the camera had recorded that his headlights had been one foot-candle-power over the maximum 2.5 foot candlepower.

An official of the Ministry of Home Security said: "The new camera has a sensitive cell which, when exposed to the direct beam of light, records on a graduated scale the foot candle-power of the light."

Ethiopian Princess To Go Home

PRINCESS STIAI, 22-year-old daughter of Emperor Haile Selassie, is returning to Abyssinia soon.

She has spent her five years' exile in England training as a nurse, first at Great Ormond-street Hospital for Sick Children and later at Guy's.

She is going back to her own country as a member of an ambulance unit led by an Australian surgeon.

"Broadcasting recently, she said: "I have come to know England, and that means to love it. But duty calls me to my own country."

"Some of our women are bravely fighting in the ranks, and we must do all we can to help our brave patriots."

"Our troops in the field particularly need khaki shirts and woollen helmets—no socks for our soldiers march in bare feet."

Losses In B.E.F. France & Norway

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Wireless).—Amongst the interesting facts and figures revealed by the auditor's report on Army accounts is the fact that some £2,000,000 worth of expenditure was incurred while the B.E.F. was in France.

Belgium is unavowed for because the relative books were lost or destroyed during the retreat prior to the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Another item is that of over £400,000 representing cash lost or unaccounted for during the evacuations of France and Norway.

Parsee Employees On Trial

BOMBAY, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—When the trial of two Parsee employees of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha branch in Bombay under the Defence of India Rules was taken up to-day, the prosecutor suggested that the trial be held in camera.

The defence counsel agreeing, the Magistrate adjourned the case to May 2.

The two men are charged with collecting shipping information useful to the enemy.

Soviets Abbreviate Churchill Speech

MOSCOW, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Without comment and considerably shortened, Mr. Churchill's Sunday broadcast was prominently published in Soviet newspapers to-day.

The passages given include Mr. Churchill's explanation of the forces at General Wavell's disposal, his justification of the Balkan campaign, the statement that Britain would meet the foe wherever he might go, and references to the Battle of the Atlantic and American aid, but all mention of Russia and Hitler was omitted.

Withdrawals From Greece

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—"The British forces which reached Greece ports apparently had time to embark without having to organise fortified camps to cover their embarkation," writes the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen."

Goering Fears Fire-Bombs

Goering apparently fears the effect of R.A.F. fire-bombs.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the Basle "National Zeitung," the Nazis have invented a chemical oil that is sprinkled over forests and wooden buildings by planes.

It is also claimed that pipes are being treated with a tar-like chemical which prevents bursting or minimises it.

Stratoplanes From America

It was learned in New York a few weeks ago that British officials were considering the purchase of five 33-passenger stratoplanes from the Trans-Continental and Western Airways Co.

These four-motored high-altitude machines, it was stated, would be useful in ferrying pilots engaged in flying planes from Canada to England.

Shakespeare Is Best Seller

Shakespeare and the Bible remain the best sellers in the vast total of £2,052,281 worth of books sent overseas, despite the paper shortage, by British publishers during 1940.

England's largest bookbinding firm is sending huge weekly shipments off to Empire countries, notably to South Africa, Canada and New Zealand. They have not lost a single book.

A talk on "What Laymen can do in Influencing the Development of Medicine in China" will be given by Dr. F. C. Yen to members of the Hongkong English Forum at the Chinese Y. W. C. A., Bonham Road, to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	460
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Batavia	47 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	44 1/2
T.T. Saigon	103 1/2
T.T. France	101 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	101 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/3 1/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/F London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/4
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y.	4.03 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,325 ss.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	78 1/2
Chartered	85 1/2
Mercantile, A. & B.	22 1/4
Mercantile C.	11 1/4
East Asia	70 b.

INSURANCES	
Cantons	222 1/2
Union	420 ss.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	187 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	84 n.
Indo-China P.	80 b.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40/7 1/2
Waterboats	655 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	85 1/2
Docks	15 n.
Provident	434 n.
Shal Dockyard	254 n.

MINING	
Kallan s/-	14/-
Raubas	8 n.
H.K. Mines	14 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels	2.80 b.
Lands	33 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/4
Shal Lands Sh.	12.70 n.
Humphreys	6.70 n.
H.K. Realities	2.90 n.
Chinese Estate	90 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	10 s.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/4
Peak Trams (new)	34 n.
Star Ferries	51 1/4 ss.
Y. Ferries	23 1/4
China Lights (old)	6 s.
China Lights (new)	1 1/2
H.K. Electric (old) s. rts.	25 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	24 1/4
H.K. Electric Ltd.	14 s.
Macao Electric s.d.	17 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	23 s.
Telephones (new)	9 1/4

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.)	30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	25 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements s.d.	15 n.
H.K. Ropes	7 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Dairy Forms	17 1/4 n.
Watsons	93 n.
Lane Crawfords	7 1/4
Sinceres	2.16 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	1 1/2

HISCO.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/4
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94
Ch Govt 5% 1925 GSds.	20 n.
H.K. Entertainments	0 1/4 b.
Constructions (old)	1.60 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

STOCK EXCHANGE	
Colourless Market	

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the market was colourless except gilt-edged which further advanced on all-round demand.

Home rails, industrials and oils were firmly held but business and price changes were trifling.

Kaffirs improved on early Cape support. Diamonds were firm.

Japanese bonds receded slightly but Chinese Customs loans improved.

Wall Street was firm.

Mrs Roosevelt Admires Churchillian English

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Mrs Roosevelt, writing in the New York newspaper "World-Telegram" on Mr. Churchill's broadcast, says: "One must admire a man who can trust the people of his country so completely. He can tell them stark naked, cruel truths unflinching. That quality of courage is a kind of challenge which calls to the very depth of other human souls. Mr. Churchill can use the English language so that it rings and pounds the emotion behind the words in your brain."

London's Quiet Night

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—For the third successive night London had no alert up to a late hour, but some bombs were dropped on an East Anglian district and enemy aircraft were also reported over the south-west coast of England.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW BIG WAR DRIVE

SYDNEY, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—"This is the opportunity to give the lie to German propagandists who are saying that there is disunity between Britain and Australia," said the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, launching a \$35,000,000 loan and recruiting campaign at a monster "Win the War" rally in the Sydney Town Hall.

He added that when the full story of Greece can be told, no one will be ashamed; there is a credit as well as a debit side.

It is announced that £10,000,000 has already been subscribed to the loan that military enlistment has already increased throughout Australia.

Mr Herbert Ewart, the Labour Member of the Advisory War Council, declared that Australians were intent on a united war effort and that Party politics had receded into the background. They were determined to demonstrate to friends and enemies alike their essential unity.

The Deputy Federal Labour Leader, Mr. Forde, proclaimed Labour's attitude as complete and undivided with the Allies.

A recorded speech by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkins, inaugurated the rally.

N. Zealanders' Pledge

WELLINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—The British T.U.C. delegate, Mr. W. Holmes, brought a message from 5,000,000 British Trade Unionists to a meeting of the New Zealand Trade Unions, which unanimously passed a resolution of congratulation to the people of Britain, particularly the working men and women, on the determination they are displaying in the present titanic struggle.

The resolution further pledged their power to assist in defeating the aggressor nations.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, and several ministers attended the meeting to which Mr. Holmes gave the British Unionists' assurance of victory, strengthened by the knowledge that New Zealand workers were with them in the struggle.

Tonic For New Zealand

WELLINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—Mr Winston Churchill's broadcast had a tonic effect in New Zealand. All shades of the press, public and politicians stand united behind him in their resolve to win the war.

South Wales Labour

SYDNEY, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—"The Trade Unions are determined to give 100 per cent. support in winning the war," declared Mr R. A. King, Vice-President of the New South Wales Labour Council, broadcasting to-day.

"They stand shoulder to shoulder with the workers of Britain in defiance of Fascist terror."

Bombed Britons Send Funds To Bombed Chinese

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—The immediate result of Sunday's broadcast by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, which was heard perfectly throughout Britain, was a further £500 subscribed to the British-Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

This announcement evoked a loud applause at the Fund's annual meeting to-day, presided over by Lord Donoughmore.

The Lord Mayor of London then read a letter from the Sino-British Cultural Association of Chungking, enclosing £1,840 from Association members as an expression of their great sympathy with the suffering people of England.

Britain's sympathy with China was all the keener since we learned what aggression really means, continued the Lord Mayor.

The total of the British Fund for China now amounts to £228,299.

Ulster War Payments

LONDON, Apr. 29 (British Wireless).—The Ulster contribution to the Imperial Exchequer next year will be £11,000,000.

The Minister of Finance, announcing this in his budget statement, said that last year the contribution was £8,000,000 but since then, the estimates of reserved revenue raised for war purposes had increased by £2,500,000 which should be reflected in increased Imperial contribution.

U.S. - Europe Ship Strike

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—The only remaining American steamship service to Europe, that from New York to Lisbon, is held up by a strike of seamen.

The crew of the steamers Excelsior and Examiner struck to-day in sympathy with the crew of the Siboney who struck on Saturday.

The cause of the conflict is the men's desire for recognition of the Trades Union.

Raid Destruction At Kunming

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" KUNMING, Apr. 29 (UP).—Japanese planes bombed Kunming this afternoon, destroyed the Canadian Inland Mission, damaged the British Consulate, wrecked the buildings surrounding the United States Consulate which was not damaged, and wrecked many shops in the main business district.

PAPAL AUDIENCE

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuters).—His Holiness the Pope received Queen Elena of Italy this morning and conversed with her for over half an hour, according to the Vatican radio.

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THE CORVETTE saves convoys

British-merchant shipping losses have been getting smaller. Why? The corvette, Britain's new type of warship, now being built on mass production lines, is part of the answer. Here A. J. McWhinnie tells you about life in these tiny saviours of the convoys.

THE Atlantic outlook is brightening.

For a fortnight I have been sailing thousands of miles out there, investigating the dangers, assessing the possibilities for the immediate future, and observing changes and developments in our unceasing fight against the U-boats across the biggest battlefield of all.

Things have been moving rapidly since my last Atlantic trip with a destroyer in December.

Outstanding are these facts: gathered with our Northern patrols and later with the vital convoys from the Americas.

British escort forces out there to-day are steadily being strengthened.

Ships may still be torpedoed at times. But the chances of convoys getting through are better than they were at the beginning of the winter.

There are several developments which, if even hinted at, would be of vital value to the enemy.

The ships of this particular convoy had their holds stacked with foodstuffs and war supplies and planes from America.

Not a ship was lost throughout the run. But there is a crippled U-boat out there somewhere. A corvette did that—one of the toughest little warships in the world.

I am the first Naval Correspondent to sail in these new anti-submarine ships, testing their endurance and fighting efficiency in Northern blizzards, howling gales, and head-on to the Atlantic rollers.

Rushed To Sea

These long-funnelled, whale-catcher type of warships, smaller than destroyers, were the answer to Britain's prayer when the Atlantic outlook was blackest, when France had caved in and we had to fight alone.

There was no time to build destroyers to beat the new intensive U-boat Blitz.

So crisis decisions were taken.

Many slipways must be used to rush out corvettes. Organisation between builders and sub-contractors must be such that mass production methods could be used. Corvettes must be rushed out to sea on chain-belt principles.

And to-day you find corvette groups operating alongside the destroyers and sloops with the convoys.

Their advantages are these: (1) They can fight U-boats in the foulest weather.

(2) They can be built reasonably quickly—I look forward to the time when, from a single slipway, one corvette

can be put to sea every month. Shipyards in the Dominions as well as at home are building them.

(3) A corvette costs only a fraction of the cost of a destroyer. Numbers count in screening a convoy from U-boats, so the cost of escort craft comes down.

(4) The range of these tiny warships is a secret, but they are fitted with the same efficient anti-submarine gear as the crack destroyers. And submarine protection has been recently further improved.

(5) While not so fast as destroyers, they are fast enough to pursue the U-boats, and that's all the speed they need for the job for which they are being built.

(6) They need only 50 men—a third of a ship's company of a destroyer.

(7) A corvette is in herself only a tiny target, whether she is being attacked from the air or on, or under, the sea.

"Lively" Ships

I see no reason why we should not have two or three hundreds of these corvette anti-submarine warships sooner than most people might think. That number would be a first-class insurance against U-boats.

They are lively in seaway. The men who sail in them

suffer discomfort in even the slightest swell.

And when they are battling through the winter gales, their broad beams roll with the sickening movement of a fat goldfish flicking its tail to jerk over on its side when somebody bangs its bowl.

I have sailed more than 25,000 miles covering the war at sea, mainly in destroyers, but I've never known anything like the roll you get in these corvettes.

"Hand-Picked"

The corvette men have been hand-picked for their endurance. And, when they prove they can take it, they say they wouldn't change. They are proud of their task.

They had to be on this trip, what with gales and blizzards, squalls and storms, and three days living on hard tack.

They certainly earn their "hard-lying money". Outside the submarines there isn't a tougher job afloat.

Commanding officer of the corvette in which I sailed is an R.N. commander who likes being a small ship man while his son is in the biggest warship of all—the Hood.

The first lieutenant was a luxury liner officer in peacetime. He was R.N.R. and found himself in the doomed armed merchant cruiser *Patrolus*. He clung to a tiny raft for seven and a half hours before a destroyer picked him up.

The navigator has been seven times round the world in tramp ships. He is only 27 now. The sub-lieutenant (R.N.V.R.) is a 21-year-old baronet.

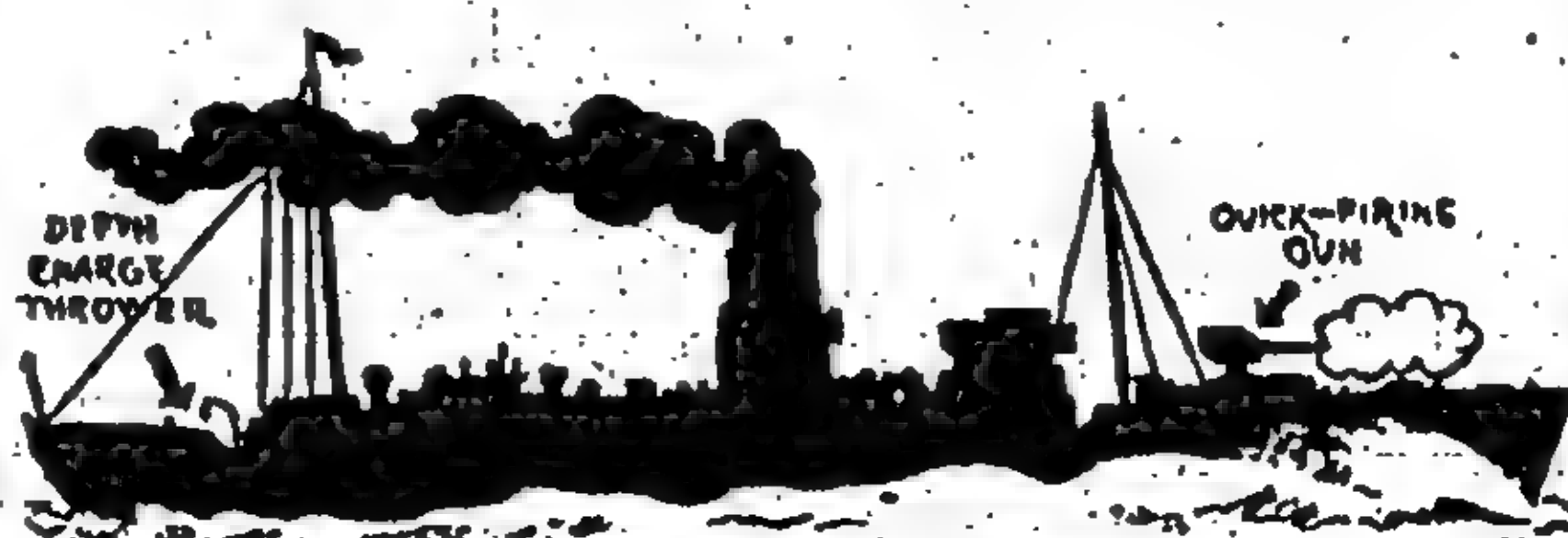
Down on the mess deck they yarn about their adventures earlier in the war. Most of them have been "over the side." Most of them have had their baptism of fire at sea.

I'd back these corvette men in a fight against any U-boat.



1781 The term "corvette" now being used to designate the new Navy convoy boat was originally applied to a vessel of burden. . . . It was a flush-deck vessel, barque rigged, with one tier of guns either on the upper or main deck.

The corvette of 1781 was, in addition to its specified duties, made to do the odd jobs. It had, for instance, to do convoy work, to look for smugglers and chase privateers.



1941 The only relationship the patrol corvette of 1941 bears to the corvette of 1781 is that it, too, has to do the odd jobs. Its design is based on that of whale catchers in the Antarctic—it will do the same work in the wintry North Atlantic as the destroyers of the convoy escorts. The corvette carries a supply of depth charges, and its complement generally consists of three officers and about sixty ratings. It has already proved successful against the U-boats.

Eugenics League

More Money Needed

Continued progress was made by the Hongkong Eugenics League during the past year, according to the fifth annual report, which will be presented at the yearly meeting to be held at the Gloucester Hotel on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.

The report, signed by Mrs Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Secretary, states in part: The number of patients has increased in all the Clinics by nearly 100 per cent, and the improvement in the numbers of those returning for re-examination has been maintained.

Home Folly Followed

The League in co-operation with the Medical Department is pursuing the same policy advocated by the Ministry of Health in Great Britain. Health Centres have been established where mothers can attend ante-natal clinics; after the birth of the baby, they return to the Centre for advice on infant welfare and Gynaecological Clinics for post-natal care have been arranged which include advice on family planning, that is, how to space children for the sake of the health and the well-being of the family. An increase in this service is urgently needed.

The League has been successful in obtaining regular supplies of appliances from New York; but unless there is increased financial support during the next year, the League will be forced to discontinue this help to poor patients.

Social Welfare Worker

The Executive Committee has retained the services of a social welfare worker, who assists in the four Clinics and pays home visits to the mothers who attend the Clinics. The Committee considers that this follow-up work is of the greatest importance and therefore is most anxious to engage a second welfare worker since it is impossible for one worker to follow up the cases of all four Clinics. The educational work of the League is limited through the lack of co-operation of Chinese educated women, who, with their knowledge of the language, customs and problems of patients could talk with them on the advantages of family planning far more effectively than European women. The League wishes to form a Committee of Chinese voluntary helpers to take over the publicity and educational work of the League.

Referring to parents who are unable to give their children sufficiently good feeding from birth and unable to play their full part in the community, the report states that this is self-evident in Hongkong where starvation diseases such as Beri-beri, Pellagra and Tuberculosis are on the increase and where education is only available to a very small proportion of the population.

The Committee therefore hope that in the coming year they may have more active co-operation from Chinese women so that the services of the League may be developed where they are most needed.

Miss Constance Lam, the Hon. Treasurer, submits a report on the League's objectives: to prevent and cure. Its function is to help families, particularly of the submerged class, to plan and to space the size of their family around their earning capacity, so that each child can have a decent chance of survival and healthy growth, she states.

Gift For Schools

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges gratefully the gift of \$500 from the General Chinese Charities Fund Committee through the kindness of the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, for the school establishments for the children transferred from the Po Leung Kuk to the Government camps.

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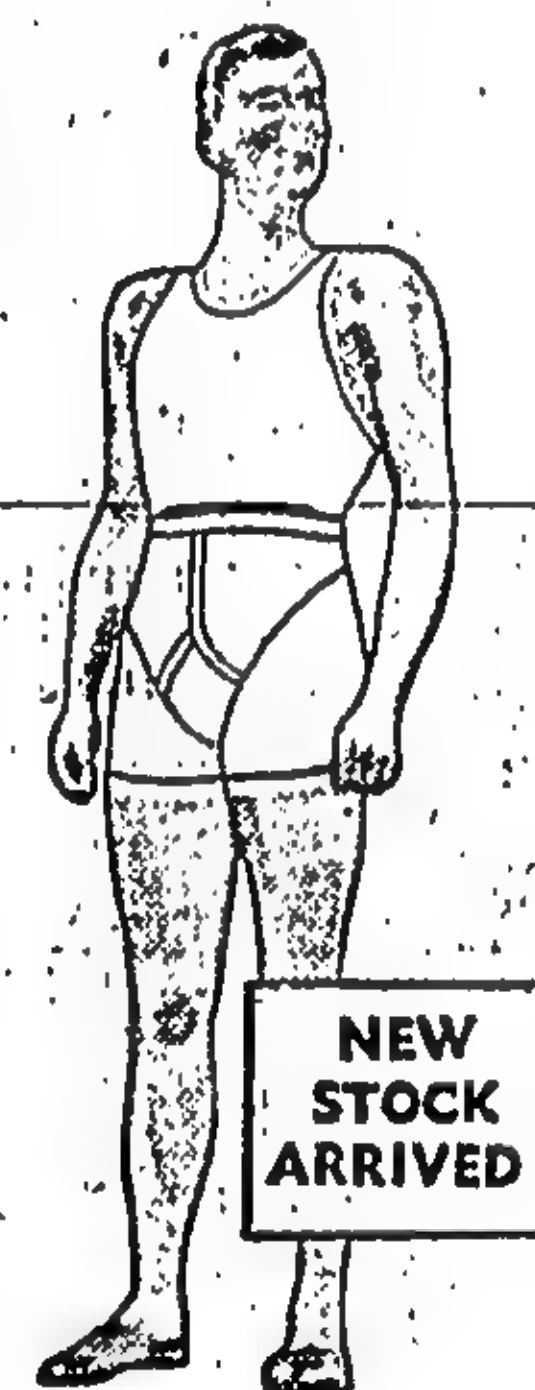


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WELCOME SENTIMENTS

THE foregathering of the leaders of the Anglo-Japanese communities in Hongkong yesterday, on the occasion of the fortieth Birthday of His Imperial Majesty, The Emperor of Japan, was a specially pleasing and happy event in this present time of international distrust and discord. Both the Consul-General and His Excellency the Governor, stressed the wish that it should be possible for Britain and Japan to live again on the friendly terms of the past, and there is no doubt that such a wish will echo in the hearts of all Japanese and British people alike, whose great aim in life is to foster the happier aspects of civilisation, and to eschew all that savours of the false and hostile.

So much has already been lost both in lives and wealth by the insanity of war; and so much is yet to be gained by friendly and reasonable collaboration between the peoples of the earth. Indeed, the curse of unjustified and unreasonable hostility has evoked expressions of disgust and apprehension throughout the entire world, so much so, that the United States has been compelled to throw the whole weight of its resources into the battle which aims at the restoration of friendship and peace between all the peoples of the earth.

Mr Yano's reference to the alliance which once existed between Britain and Japan, and which saved the Far East from a major upheaval, was well chosen, and it is to be hoped that his confidence that the same spirit will be kept alive in the hearts of both nations, will prove to be soundly based.

The merchants and traders of Japan must have lost very heavily on account of the present war, and British traders too, have suffered heavily and unnecessarily. For such disruption of the normal trade, so properly referred to as the life-blood of nations, cannot be justified, and it behoves those who wield the power to check or to extend war, to consider the masses whose desire is for peace and prosperity.

Similar gatherings to that of yesterday's will have taken place

He had a scheme ready, to carry on where Weygand left off...

DE GAULLE'S last-minute ADVICE

EVERY day, as military operations moved from the Meuse to the Somme and the Aisne and then to the Oise and the Seine, General Weygand and Marshal Petain had long conversations with the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud.

Once, often twice, daily—as General de Gaulle, who was a witness, told me later—General Weygand produced long reports which were nothing more than bulletins of defeat.

Their general conclusion, though not yet specifically indicated, became more probable every day—armistice.

Dilemma

Men who had been in a position to meet General Weygand between May 19 and May 25, and who saw him again in Paris between June 6 and June 11, no longer recognised him as the same man.

They had admired his lucidity and coolness. They could now see only the fatigue of nervous exhaustion, and ill-temper.

And sometimes, when subordinates were concerned, he used a tone which was far from courteous.

At this particular time it was a matter of deciding whether to fight in Paris or whether Paris should be declared an open town. And there were two opposed points of view.

One was that of the revolutionary tradition, of desperate battle, if need be street by street, leaving the enemy to bear the blame for destroying treasures of stone amassed by the centuries.

The other was that of the High Command, the politicians, and the keepers and curators of old buildings.

Their contention was that it is not cities which fight, but armies.

Departure

The spectacle presented at the Premier's offices on June 8 left under the decision in no doubt. The sole concern of everyone was to safeguard his own skin and divert responsibility from himself.

June 9 was taken up with preparing for the departure, which had been fixed for the evening of the tenth.

I asked for an appointment with M. Reynaud, Marshal directly and imperatively, suggested asking for an armistice.

While I was waiting in the ante-room, M. Baudouin came hurrying in, looking very important.

"Who is with the Premier?" he asked the usher.

A name was given in reply. He looked annoyed and then, seeing me, said: "Have you an appointment?"

"Yes."

"Will you allow me to go in before you? I've come from the Foreign Office—it's extremely urgent."

I did a little theorising. This was the ninth. Italy's entry into the war had been announced for the tenth.

My supposition changed to certainty when I entered the study of M. Reynaud, who seemed more on edge than ever.

M. Baudouin had just informed him that, according to a message from Rome, Mussolini would strike the next day.

Once again I asked him if he was still in favour of total resistance, with all its consequences.

He made me a staccato and jerky little speech in reply. Did I wish to insult him by doubting his purpose? I would soon see!

throughout the British Empire, and similar expressions of thought and goodwill uttered. It is not too much to hope that the sincerity, so obvious at the moment, will not be allowed to evaporate.

As for the departure from Paris, yes, the Government had decided on it. But he would be the last to go. If he were taken prisoner, so much the worse.

"The news is worse?" "Yes."

"But it's still—war at any price?" I insisted again. "Yes, without quarter!"

Why had he spoken of the possibility of being taken prisoner? I put it down to his customary love of boasting.

The next day I had the explanation when I heard that Mme de Portes had been playing a fine dramatic scene.

She had talked of nothing less than remaining in Paris. She did not want to leave. She was not afraid of the Germans, not she.

Was this a deliberate attempt on her part to hasten the request for an armistice already

decided on by Weygand and Baudouin?

Or was it just the coquetry of a woman who wanted to be entertained?

One can imagine anything of Helene de Portes.

All that is certain is that she went and, in view of what happened afterwards, it would have been better if she had stayed in Paris. But would Reynaud have gone without her?

June 10 was a crucial date. In the future almanacs we shall see under that date:

"Italy declared war on France and Great Britain; the French Government left Paris."

It was towards Tours that what still remained of the Government began to make its way that evening.

M. Reynaud went to G.H.Q., where General Weygand, not by indirect hints this time, but with M. Reynaud, Marshal directly and imperatively, suggested asking for an armistice.

M. Mandel, Minister of the Interior, was the last to leave the ante-room.

On the roads an uninterrupted procession of lorries, limousines, light cars, coaches and carts were conveying a whole people emigrating no one knew whither.

De Gaulle's Plan

General Headquarters were at Briare. But General Weygand no longer thought of driving the enemy out of France.

Nor did he think of organising a defensive force which would preserve some part of the national soil.

It was another man who was thinking of that task, who was drawing up a scheme in broad outline, and who would press M. Reynaud to make it his own.

M. Reynaud listened to General de Gaulle. He understood quickly, for his intelligence was swift:

"Withdraw towards Brittany, hold out there as long as possible, assemble all fit troops and ask Churchill to transport them, some to North Africa and the rest to England, to form a nucleus for the return battle."

"Save the whole air force; the navy must continue to co-operate in the defence of the two Empires in alliance."

"Yes. But what about Weygand?" inquired Paul Reynaud.

"Weygand? Are you the head of the Government?" "I can picture General de Gaulle's tall figure towering

"I have saved honour. I am no longer in a position to stem the enemy's advance."

He asserted that the soldiers were not fighting any more, that they were throwing away their arms and running away, that mutinies were to be feared, perhaps worse.

"Let us remember 1917," he exclaimed, "when Russian soldiers formed Soviets in the regiments and in the armies."

And he concluded: "There is no other solution except an immediate request for an armistice."

M. Reynaud, who had the vigorous words of General de Gaulle in his mind, betrayed no hint of weakening.

He had signed an alliance with Great Britain. He was bound by it. He would honour the signature of France as he would his own.

He maintained the firm position he had taken up. The majority of the Council seemed disposed to follow him.

M. Chautemps, the Vice-Premier, was careful not to come into direct contact with the Premier, but at the end of a carefully-balanced argument, he asked:

"Why should not the Prime Minister, whose authority stands so high with the British Government, ask Mr Winston Churchill to release France from her pledge?"

As he enlarged upon his astute suggestion, M. Baudouin's face lit up. Even M. Reynaud admitted that there might be something in the idea. He would think it over, branch the subject gently to Churchill—

"It must be done quickly!" Weygand struck in.

"Even were I alone, and I imagine I shall not be," said Mandel in a voice that fell like an axe. "I will have no part in a capitulation which would dishonour us."

Bordeaux

Then he raised the question of the next rendezvous of the Government. The supporters of the armistice unanimously proposed Bordeaux.

M. Mandel showed that he had already considered the possibility of Quimper, in Brittany. M. Reynaud, who had been attracted by De Gaulle's Brest scheme, approved and supported the suggestion.

It meant the port of Brest with possible communications with England, America and North Africa. And thus it was decided.

When M. Mandel returned to the Prefecture in the middle of the night, he telephoned immediately to requisition chateaux, hotels and so forth in Quimper.

While he was doing so, M. Paul Reynaud became a prey to the fury of Mme de Portes.

"What is this ridiculous joke about going to Quimper? Are you anxious to make a fool of yourself? Go to Quimper by yourself, my friend, you and your Mandel!"

General de Gaulle, who was present, defended the proposed departure for Brittany.

Baudouin skillfully argued against it. And while he was doing so telephone calls kept reaching M. Reynaud, also opposing it.

The Premier yielded, and got in touch with M. Mandel. Orders to Quimper were countermanded and the message was sent to Bordeaux to expect the Government to arrive there.

To-morrow

A conference with Mr Churchill in Tours. Mme de Portes demands an armistice. Weygand renews his ultimatum and says Communists now hold Paris. The scenes in Bordeaux. British Ambassador's difficulties.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Meet the Camp Cat

YOU will hear more of Charlie the Chancer. He is a city slicker, who knows where to go and have a good time in London, Brummagem, and points North.

He has a quick eye and a Bren-gun tongue—opens a conversation with Five Rounds Application, and then, having got on his mark, goes on in bursts.

He knows everything and everybody; claims close friendship with such celebrities as Gordon Richards, Alex James, Len Harvey, and most of the nobility and gentry.

Charlie always has the inside dope, the secret information.

The other day, as we picked our way over the puddles between the huts, a cat passed.

Charlie the Chancer said: "There she goes. The unluckiest cat in the world."

"Dead unlucky. If I was the Commanding Officer of this outfit, I'd detail twelve men for a firing squad and give that cat the works."

"They tried to lose her several times. She always came back. Once they put her in a convoyed lorry and took her seventy miles into Hampshire, and dumped her. Next day she was back."

"Don't ask me how. It's a mystery. If ever you're called on Company Orders, and that cat crosses your path, expect the worst."

"I knew that cat in London—I recognise the white patch on her chest. She was evacuated to Cheamham Bois when the war broke out."

"She didn't like the country. First morning there she takes a walk to the chicken-run and tries to go for a tosheroon. till my postal order comes?"

"Well, the old rooster stands on tiptoe and lets out a cock-a-doodle."

doe that sends this cat into raving hysterics. She runs away and hides on top of the bookcase in the drawing-room.

"Then somebody brings her here, and she hates the sight of the place. She hangs around the bushes, trying to cop herself a cock-rod or a sparrow for supper, and she doesn't have no luck."

"She tries to get into the hut, but they pick her up by the loose skin at the scruff of her neck and toss her out on her ear."

"She scrounges her grub round the cookhouse, and loiters about in the bushes. She comes off second best in a set-to with a weasel."

"And at last she finds what she thinks is a nice quiet place to rest in, and makes herself a little home, and settles down to look for a feller and have some kittens."

"Well, she just about gets all set one Sunday afternoon, and has a quiet night. Then next morning she jumps out of her skin. She's been and settled down on the Bren-gun range."

"That sort of embittered her. She gets kind of browned-off—fed up to the teeth. She goes mean. She decides to stick around this camp and bring people bad luck."

"I'm giving you fair warning—keep clear of that cat. She's a cow. If I was the Captain's bull-terrier I'd creep up behind her and give her the business. But they won't do anything about her—she's the Army all over. So take my tip! Avoid her!"

The Surrey Blond Man said, in his mild yet formidable tones: "How do you know all this, Charlie?"

"I know it for a fact," said Charlie the Chancer. "Look, Sid—send us a tosheroon. till my postal order comes?"

"Well, the old rooster stands on tiptoe and lets out a cock-a-doodle."

"No," said the Surrey Blond Man.

Anti-Nazi Businessmen Vote In U. S.

Must Prevent Nazi Victory

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—"A German victory should be prevented at almost any cost" is the opinion of 84.1 per cent of leading American businessmen, according to a survey conducted by the American magazine "Fortune."

Only 13.6 per cent believed that "if Germany is victorious, the world would be safe and at least economically tolerable for the United States to live in without huge armaments."

Only 8.5 per cent believed that Germany would succeed in establishing a new European Order "with which it would be possible for us to resume business relations following approximately pre-war methods."

Half of those who polled favoured the development of the Defence Programme "at the expense of business as usual."

A percentage of 55.4 disapproved of the stand taken by Colonel Lindbergh and the isolationist, Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

Slav Centre In London

Czech Notification

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—London is now the headquarters of the Sokol Movement, declared the Czech-Slovak Minister of the Interior, Dr Slavik, to-day.

"The Sokol Movement, with headquarters in London, will do all it can to help our Slovak brothers in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland. When Mr Churchill recently inspected our troops, they carried the standard given by the Sokols of the United States; one day they will carry that standard in triumph through the streets of Prague."

The Sokol movement is a kind of brotherhood of the Slav peoples which used to meet every year and give gymnastic displays.

Lofoten Raid Sequel

German Persecution

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—One hundred and fifty people arrested on the Lofoten islands following the recent Anglo-Norwegian raid are now confined in a concentration camp near Oslo in appalling sanitary conditions, says the Norwegian Telegraph agency, quoting Swedish newspapers.

It adds that it seems clear that the Germans, who will later try the prisoners by Court Martial, hope that ruthless reprisals will prevent a recurrence of the raids.

PORTUGAL

Dr Salazar's Faith In Civilisation

LISBON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—"There exist certain absolute values in life to which everything should be sacrificed and among them the dignity of a nation, freedom and independence and territorial integrity," declared the Portuguese Premier, Dr Salazar, speaking in connection with the national celebrations in his honour.

"We have confidence and we have faith in our own loyalty and that of others. We trust in the strong unity of the nation and in the ideals of our civilisation which arms cannot kill nor fire destroy."

MALTA HARBOUR ATTACKED

Civilian Property Hit

MALTA, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The harbour was again the main target of two enemy air attacks on the last night, it is officially announced. Bombs also fell on a wide area, causing considerable damage to civilian property and a few civilian casualties.

This morning enemy aircraft carried out two reconnaissance flights without incident.

Horia Sima Sought For Trial

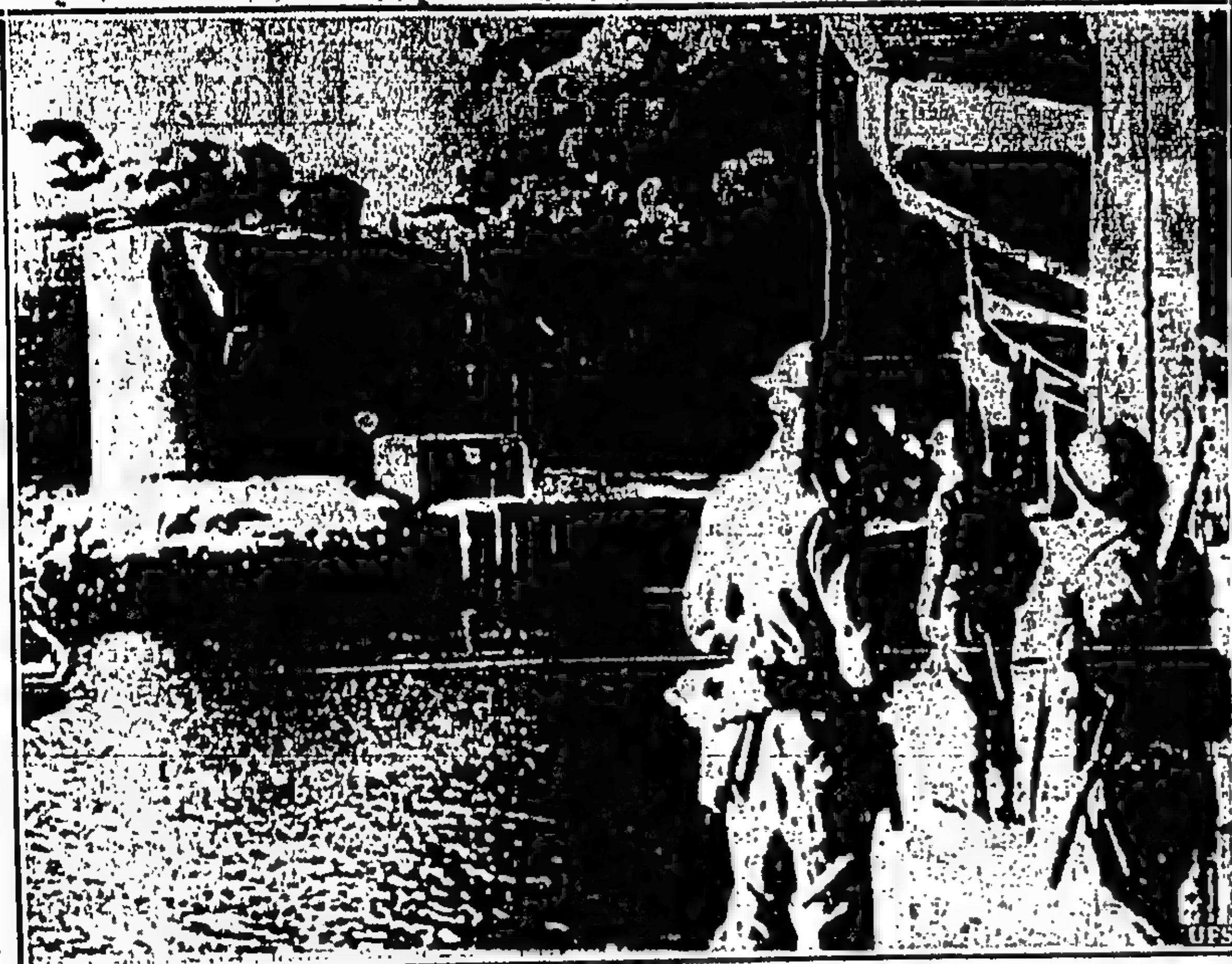
LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Rumania's Iron Guard leader, Horia Sima, has been summoned to appear before the military court at Bucharest within three days, according to the Lyons radio.

Sima, who was Deputy Premier in General Antonescu's Government, fled the country when the rebellion in which he was charged with playing a leading part, collapsed last January.

Trans-Atlantic Giant Land Plane

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Official permission to build a new four-engined land plane, designed to fly to Europe in ten hours, and carrying between 50 and 80 passengers, has been given to the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

The machine will be the world's largest and most powerful land plane except the B19 bomber, which is about to be tested in California. It will weigh 49 tons.



BRITISH RAID—In a daring raid on Nazi-held Lofoten Islands, Narvik, Norway, the British captured 225 prisoners, set fire to huge oil tanks and destroyed a fishoil factory engaged in making glycerin for explosives. This cable picture shows British Marines watching one of the huge oil tanks burning.

Over 200 U.S. Ships In British Registry

Since the outbreak of war, the United States has transferred to British registry 166 ships totalling 623,508 tons. At the same time 41 ships totalling 61,288 tons have been transferred to Canadian registry.

While this total Anglo-Canadian tonnage of 684,796 is looked upon as a major contribution, it does not tell the whole story, according to the U.S. Maritime Commission.

The United States has also transferred a sizable amount of tonnage to still other countries where the great bulk of it is said to be serving Britain.

Thus the United States transferred to Panamanian registry 78 vessels, most of them oil tankers, with a total tonnage of 381,473. These ships are considered of particular importance in supplying the British with petroleum.

Brazil obtained 20 during the same period with a tonnage of 94,990. Greece bought 10 vessels amounting to 42,112 tons, while Belgium obtained nine ships of 68,077 tons and France received 19 ships of 40,220 tons.

The Commission believes that most of the shipping sold to the last three countries is now engaged in supplying Britain, despite German occupation of the latter two.

Building Speed-up—Assuming, then, that the ships transferred to Greece, France, Panama, Brazil, and Belgium, as well as to Britain and Canada, are now in British service, either across the Atlantic or between British colonies and dominions, a total of nearly 1,400,000 tons has been contributed by the United States to the British marine effort since Sept. 1, 1939.

The present shipping is brightened somewhat by word from the Commission that its long-term shipbuilding programme has been speeded up to a point where a new Commission-built ship is launched every five days, as contrasted with one every seven days at the end of 1940.

Universities And Youth At War

The future of Britain's universities is endangered by the recruitment into the Services of youths who, but for the war, would have entered universities.

This is the opinion of Dr Raymond Priestley, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham.

He told the Court of Governors recently:

"The real menace to our future is the Air Training Corps scheme. No one in his senses will grudge the R.A.F. the lion's share of the flower of the nation's youth. Nevertheless, this scheme, reaching right down into the schools, is the real danger the universities face to-day."

"The universities... force the loss of their raw material for 1942 and later war years."

Refused Churchill Drink Of Water

An old soldier, who once refused Mr Winston Churchill a drink of water, has sent his old age pension to the Air Production Ministry. His letter will be brought to the Prime Minister's notice.

Signed "R. Bayne" it states: "Dear Sir, Please accept 10/- old age pension for your Spitfire Fund to help Mr Churchill win the war. I once had to refuse him a drink of water when we were together on the Northwest Frontier of India, in '07. He was then, as now, a brave man." The letter is addressed from High Street, Bozart, Northants. Mr Churchill was serving on the Indian front as an Army officer in 1897.

DYING AIRMAN'S LETTER

As he lay dying in hospital Sergeant Alfred Harrison, an air gunner in the R.A.F., wrote this letter to his mother, Mrs Harrison, of Edwin Street, Nottingham:

"My dearest mother, by the time you receive this letter you will no doubt know the news. Lives are given so that Britain shall still remain the first land in the world, and, come what may, nothing can alter the dignity and love for peace and security that is a Britisher's heritage. So remember, darling, I, along with others, died so that our loved ones shall be safe and secure."

"Well, darling, with my dying breath, I'll pray that our sacrifice was not in vain."

Scientist Is Head Of New U.S. Mission

Dr James B. Conant, president of Harvard University, and two research assistants, are in Britain on a mission whose purpose will be to facilitate the exchange between Britain and the United States of vital scientific information.

Officially little is being said about this mission, but its importance becomes clearer when it is recalled that the Lend-Lease Bill proposed that the President shall be authorised to provide the British Government with "defence information" as well as equipment.

It is understood that Dr Conant's mission is "particularly interested in the development of devices against night bombing, in long-range bombers for operation in the stratosphere and in underwater sounding equipment by submarines are located."

Recreio Bowls Teams For Saturday

THE following teams will represent the Club de Recreio in the opening Bowls League match on Saturday: "A" v. "B" (home)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro and C. O. Silva; "C" v. "D" (away)—J. Luz, V. Ribeiro, and F. X. Silva; "E" v. "F" (home)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "G" v. "H" (away)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "I" v. "J" (home)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "K" v. "L" (away)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "M" v. "N" (home)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "O" v. "P" (away)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "Q" v. "R" (home)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "S" v. "T" (away)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "U" v. "V" (home)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "W" v. "X" (away)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva; "Y" v. "Z" (home)—J. Luz, E. Marques, J. P. V. Ribeiro, and C. O. Silva.

His Holiness Swami Bon of the Chaitanya School of Indian Philosophy of Calcutta is now in the Colony on his way to India from a recent extensive American tour.

JOCKEY CLUB PONY CLASSIFICATIONS Lists Altered

Alterations and additions to classification lists dated March 23, 1941, were issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club yesterday. They are as follows:

Australian ponies to "B" class—Angel of Glory, Bona Vacantia, Bugle, Mountain View, Prairie View, Royal Sovereign, Tien Tien, Vanguard. To "C" class—Corvette, Double Dutch, Gay Fox, Goody, Seventy Six, Streamlet. To "D" class—A Blossom Time, Flying Fortress, Strathulbyn, Tobacoship, Willow, Zadderday. To "E" class—Beaufort, Harmony, Star, High Lin, Subpena, Sunspot, Trade Wind, Tropical Love. China ponies—World Fair View to "A" class, and Blue Field, Hopeful Star and Lovely View to "C" class.

Middlesex Lead Military Athletic Meet

THE ARMY athletic meeting was held at Sharnuboo yesterday. Middlesex led Royal Scots by three points at the conclusion of the events, with 8th Heavy Regiment third a point behind.

The track was very heavy due to the rain but some of the times were fairly good, especially in the 440 yards relay heats in which the winning teams both returned 47 sec.

Results: 110-yards tug-of-war, semi-finals—12th Coastal Regiment, beat Middlesex, two straight pulls. 8th Coastal Regiment beat 5th A.A. Regt. two straight pulls. 400-yards relay, heat 1—Middlesex (Pte Lever, 115 ft 7 ins; L/Cpl Wookey, 99 ft 7 ins; total 215 ft 4 ins); 2—Hongkong Singapore Regt. (Cnr Abdul Rahman, 90 ft 7 ins; Cnr Muzar Khan, 90 ft 5 1/2 ins; total 180 ft 2 1/2 ins); 3—5th A.A. Regt. 100 ft 7 1/2 ins.

Two miles relay, heat 1—1. 8th Coastal Regt. 2. 9th Rajputs; 3. 2/14th Punjab; 4. 8th A.A. Regt. 5. 47 ft 1/2 heat 2—Middlesex; 2. 12th Coastal Regt. 3. Hongkong Singapore Regt. 4. Royal Scots; 5. Combined Small Units. Time 8:25. Putting the shot, Final—1. 8th Coastal Regt. (Nalk Rajah Khan 36 ft 7 1/2 ins; Havelkar Sarda Khan 36 ft 3 ins; total 72 ft 10 1/2 ins); 2. Royal Scots (L/Cpl Lane, 30 ft 1 in; Pte Duff, 34 ft 1/2 in; total 70 ft 1 1/2 ins); 3. Middlesex (Pte Berry, 121 ft 10 ins; Cpl Seton, 32 ft 9 ins; total 65 ft 7 1/2 ins).

440 yards relay, heat 1—1. 8th Coastal Regt. 2. Combined Small Units; 3. 2/14th Punjab; 4. 5th A.A. Regt. Time 47. Heat 2—1. 5th Rajputs; 2. Middlesex; 3. Royal Scots; 4. Hongkong Singapore Regt. Time 47.

Throwing the hammer, Final—1. Royal Scots (L/Cpl Slater, 114 ft 4 ins; Pte Shaw, 95 ft 10 ins; total 210 ft 2 ins); 2. Middlesex (Pte Berry 87 ft 10 ins; Pte Gray 90 ft 10 ins; total 178 ft 2 1/2 ins); 3. 5th A.A. Regt. (167 ft 4 ins).

The following was the points placing at the conclusion of Royal Scots Regt. 23; Hongkong Singapore Regt. 22; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. 21; 2/14th Punjab; 19; 12th Coastal Regt. R.A. 13; 5th Rajputs 9; Combined Small Units 6.

New Master Of Wellington

Major Wilfred House, D.S.O., M.C. has been appointed Master of Wellington College, in the place of the late Mr Robert Paton Longden.

Major House, who is 45, has been relieved from his duties at the War Office with the Quartermaster-General's Department to take up the position at Wellington.

Mr Longden, who was 36, was killed by enemy action while securing the safety of his boys.

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U. S. Navy Will Ignore Nazis

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—United States warships may enter the combat zones if necessary in the interests of the defence of the Western Hemisphere, President Roosevelt announced at a press conference to-day.

He added that the area of combat activities delineated by Germany round the British Isles had nothing to do with United States warships. They would go into it if necessary for the defence of the Western Hemisphere but that did not mean that they were going in.

Intimidation Attempt—BERLIN, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—"President Roosevelt's plans will have but one immediate result—the quick and certain sinking of American ships."

This threat is made in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" to-day in an article dealing with the American proposals to speed up supplies to Britain. The newspaper adds: "Americans should cherish no illusions. Whether sailing alone or escorted by warships, all consignments traversing the Atlantic are good for sinking."

It is claimed that the weapons of the German blockade lurk on all the routes between Britain and America and it is time that Americans realised what confronts shipping when President Roosevelt's plans mature.

Axis "At Home"

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The second of a series of Axis "Get Together" meetings was held in Rome to-day, states the German news agency.

The so-called "Constituent Assembly" of the Three-Power Pact met with Count Ciano presiding and the German and Japanese Ambassadors were present.

It is understood that another meeting on similar lines will shortly be held in Tokyo with Mr Yosuke Matsuoka in the chair.

TURKO-GERMAN Trade Pact

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 28 (Domel).—Government authorities declared that the recent German-Turkish commercial agreement has been concluded within the scope of the existing economic and financial character in it.

It is understood that the new agreement is between the commercial agents of the two countries on the basis of mutual compensation.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday:

Bank of East Asia \$70 Indo-China (Pref) \$80 Star Ferries \$4.30 Hotels \$2.80 Lands \$30.50 Star Ferries \$50 Lights "O" \$5.75 Manganese Electrics X.D. \$17 Watsons \$9 Entertainments \$8.25

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Union Ins. \$425 Star Ferries \$51.25 Lights "Rts" .40 cts

Nazis' Uneasy Time At Brest

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Attacks by both Bomber and Coastal command aircraft on Brest where the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are lying were made to-day without the loss of any aircraft, says an official communique.

Audience With King

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King to-day received the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, at Buckingham Palace, and also the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound.

Nazi Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The German freighter, Nital, from Hamburg, has eluded the British blockade and has arrived at Santos with 200 tons of cargo.

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Around The Courses Much Depends On Putting

Cotton's Methods: Tips From Horton Smith

Mixed Foursomes Final At Country Club

(By "Birdie")

"MATCHES are won on the green". This is an old golf saying, and it does not mean that this is so because the greens are the only places where the holes are situated. It is because more strokes can be saved on the green with the putter than with all the remaining thirteen clubs on the fairways.

The incongruity of golf has often been remarked upon in that a 300-yard drive is equal to a three-yard, three-foot or three-inch putt, and it is the saving of strokes over the latter distances that wins or loses matches.

Henry Cotton in a January "Sporting and Dramatic" this year has an article dealing with this department of the game. He tells of the time he spent in search for the "secret", for, as Horton Smith has remarked "if you aren't putting well it is likely to undermine confidence for the rest of the game."

Smith is America's acknowledged wizard of the putting green. And his tip is to make sure you can sink a 30-foot putt before aiming at those of 30-feet.

His procedure before a match is to drop several new balls on the green, three or four feet from the cup, and proceed to try and stroke them in from all directions. When he has the proper touch he drops back further.

In warming up he applies the same system to his other clubs. Starting with a No. 6 or 7, he works his way up through Nos. 5, 4, 3 and 2 to the woods.

Cotton operated on somewhat similar lines, except that in putting from four feet he took his stance in one rooted spot and spent hours hitting the balls along the same route until he had literally worn a groove in the green.

His belief was that if he could confidently sink the four-foot putt, there need be no needless anxiety to lay one's approach putts so dead. He was seeking a system that never came. He tried Leo Diegel's candle-spreading style in that it cut out excessive wrist action. It improved his putting, he claims, but there were yet those occasions on which he failed by inches to reach the cup.

I've often thought that a lawn bowler would make a great putter. The problem of "weight" is a far greater one than that of accuracy. It does require rapid adjustment, for instance, when one has just come out of the bunker after yielding a heavy "blister" in smashing through the sand, to take the putter (in lighter club) and trickle one's ball to within a two-foot circle of the cup.

And there is, I feel, quite a lot in what Cotton says about cutting out wrist movement. For the

shorter putts, there is a better chance of accuracy in holding the wrist and arms semi-rigid and using the upper part of the body as the lever.

But from the golfers I have seen in Hongkong, the great error is in jabbing at the ball. There is little smoothness or follow-through.

THE 18-holes final of the Country Club Mixed Foursomes was played off on Sunday last and resulted in a win for C. H. T. Suen and Mrs. B. Botelho 5 and 3 over J. B. Mackie and Miss M. C. Churn.

The losers were two up at one period in the first nine, but Suen and Mrs. Botelho won the 8th and 9th holes to square the match. They then won four of the next five holes to become dormie 4! And the match finished on the 18th.

There was a point at issue in this match that needs, I think, some legislation. Several small holes were dug in the rough abounding the 3rd fairway for the planting of young trees. This was some while ago, and in the subsequent planting one of the holes was not filled in. Neither was there a tree planted in it.

A ball on Sunday fell into this hole, which was about a foot deep, and it being unplayable, it was picked up and dropped for a penalty of two strokes.

Strictly speaking, I do not think the penalty should have been incurred, for the hole was accurately ground under repair—though the ground staff had over-looked making the repairs.

Fortunately, I understand, the score at that point was such that the "penalty" made slight difference, but it is up to the Powers-that-be to either legislate or have the hole filled in.

Volunteer Bowls

Members of the Volunteers' Sergeants Mess are reminded that the list of names of those wishing to play in the Bowls match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, closes at noon to-day.

Choy Wins Badminton Singles Title

M. Silva And M. A. Xavier Take Women's Doubles

Junior Doubles To Fisher And Wynter-Blyth

(By "Tinker")

THE EXPECTATIONS of most people were realised at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night when K. W. Choy took the 1941 Badminton Singles Championship from P. H. Wong, the former champion. The match, however, was an easier one for Choy than was anticipated.

Miss M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier justified the confidence of their supporters and took the women's Doubles title, while in the Junior Doubles, A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth won after two hard fought games.

THOUGH it was not the best match of the evening, it was the main attraction, and P. H. Wong relinquished his hold on the Singles crown to K. W. Choy in the Senior Singles.

In his efforts to take advantage of split seconds, Wong sacrificed much of his accuracy, especially down the sidelines, and through this and over-hitting conceded many points in the first game. Choy's smash was only about fifty-per-cent effective, for on several occasions Wong was able to return. The latter's best shot was his baseline drop and with this Choy constantly on the alert. As often as not, however, the shot was met with an equally fine drop that had Wong jumping from the baseline to retrieve.

Air of Tenseness

The tremendous crowd—that even overflowed on to the Press seats and forced the reporters to sit on the floor—were greatly appreciative of the issue at stake, and there was a distinct feeling of tenseness in the air.

Choy went into a 5-1 lead mainly through the use of his deceptive wrist shots at the net. From there Wong scored to draw up to 3-5, but in the next rally, Choy ran away to 12-3. Two more points went to Wong, but in the final rally Choy took three in a row to win 15-5.

In this game, Wong was not showing the form that had last year given him his triple championship. His anxiousness to take advantage of the slightest opening on the other side committed him to several errors. His sideline smashes were not just going out; they were even over the sidelines for the doubles court!

Partial Recovery

IN THE SECOND game, however, Wong showed a partial recovery. He matched Choy shot for shot but his clearing shots were not quite deep enough. This was probably because he had been hitting over the baseline in the first game, but the clearances to mid-court were fatal.

His service, too, underwent a change. Deep services had been treated with Choy's devastating smash, and for the most part later this was modified to short services to the forecourt.

His returns of Choy's smashes were brilliant, and were in remarkable contrast to his weakness down the sidelines.

From 5-4 Choy went to 9-4, but Wong drew up to 7-9 and then 8-10. The latter was fighting gamely, and on occasions caught Choy on the wrong foot with brilliant baseline drops.

At 8, however, Wong stayed. He could not prevent Choy from scoring first 2, then 1 and finally the winning two points for the game.

Thus Choy becomes the new Colony champion—and well worthy of the title.

Mixed Doubles
MISS SILVA and Miss Xavier fully deserved their victory. They were not only an excellent combination, but brought out shots that most players would envy. From the baseline, especially, Miss Xavier showed admirable and accurate control over drop shots, while Miss Silva moved around the court with fine understanding, and her anticipation at the net was remarkable.

Of the losers, Mrs. Torrible was far ahead of Mrs. Zimmer. The of "no-ven" and was consequently dis-appointed in almost every department. There were isolated occasions, however, when she smashed to, win a point, but they were too few and far between.

Record Attendance

The crowd of over 350 people who attended the Badminton Finals at the K.C.C. last night constituted a record attendance for the Championships.

There is only a limited accommodation, and people are advised to arrive early on Thursday, when the matches will start promptly at 8.30 p.m.

Junior Doubles

A. E. XAVIER was the man on the losing side of the Junior Doubles to win most points for his side. C. C. Pereira was andy erratic with both smashes and placing. Their combination, too, was not satisfactory, and on one or two occasions were inclined to clash.

For the winners, Wynter-Blyth was outstanding. Fisher had difficulty in the opening game in sighting the bird and made many errors. Later, however, he dealt convincingly with the same shots and scored repeatedly with smashes to the corners.

There was a greater understanding in the combination, and through this were often able to place the shuttle out of reach of the Recreio pair.

Xavier's height and speed at the net were a great asset. He scored several times with angled shots and sharp taps.

Score in the first game was 0-2, 3-0, 5-8, 8-8, 10-8, 10-10, 14-10, 14-11 and 15-11.

In the second, 0-2, 2-3, 5-3, 5-5, 8-6, 9-9, 13-9, 13-10 and 13-11. Wynter-Blyth settled at five and the winners took the five without loss.

Junior Singles

T. S. YOUNG qualified to meet A. L. Fisher in the final of the Junior Singles when he beat D. Chelliah in three games. Young produced form reminiscent of that which eliminated N. L. Smith, and took the first game at 15-9.

The second, however, was a grand struggle. Chelliah made fine use of the drop and had Young continually reaching forward to retrieve. He came up from behind to level scores at 13-11, and amid much applause took the setted points for the game.

In the third, however, Chelliah showed a surprising lapse. His smashing was almost in pieces and he could not find the sidelines. Young led 7-2, and 7-4 and with his next rally placed the issue beyond much doubt. Chelliah climbed to 8, but Young had taken too great a lead.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 10th May, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 1st May, 1941.

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(By "Ball Fan")

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS representing powerful Far Eastern Nations once again took highest honours in softball's annual International Series, before a farewell crowd of enthusiastic ball fans who trekked into the wind-swept stadium for a real "shivering finale", as the official 1940-41 softball series wended its weary way into a happening of the past.

Sunday's Stars

Ullian Khoo and Mary Ng, China—Ullian's time-set double in the third frame which drove in three runs, sparked China's champions in their run-scoring rampage; latter hurled steady ball in holding the powerful Portuguese sluggers to five measly bingles for her third successive International hurling triumph in three years.

Cyclone Baker and Savage Hassan, India—Former made a sensational shoestring nab at short centre field, off Lou Leight's sizzling drive in the 6th canto to stop a dangerous American scoring threat; latter played sure-shagging ball out at left field besides connecting for a slashing single, crossing the platter with a run and stealing two bases.

The following softballers have been chosen as the standout players of the year and will receive Johnny Fearn's prizes at the annual softball dance on May 10th.

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The highest score since the bowling alley opened three years ago was recorded last night when Cpl Blunt, of Signals, scored 299 at 10 pins.

Blount made 11 successive strikes and with his last ball left one pin standing. The previous highest score was 278, registered by Cpl Watts, of Signals.

Starlet Ullian Khoo, Malaya's stalwart contribution to local ball circles, led a tremendous Chinese drive for the ladies' pennant as Cathay's lassies terrorized a bewildered Portuguese team 13-5, to dash in with their third successive title in three years.

India's remarkable consistent-playing team made the "grand achievement" climax of the year in chalking up their second straight All-Nation championship with a sparkling title victory over a demoralized United States nine.

GLIDING majestically above the loud din of softball's official finish for the current season, China's powerful clouting lassies, playing like true champions in defense of their two year title and possession of the Malthen Shield, shelled out a heavy thirteen hit barrage to overwhelm a weak Portugal threat 13-5.

The Chinese lassies, in amassing their huge run-scoring total, dished up a brand of combined slugging which clearly demonstrated to the rabid fans, China's superiority in the local ladies' softball realm.

Led by outfielders Ullian Khoo and Doris Mar, the champions came from behind in the 3rd inning with a devastating four run attack to signal their start on the road to victory, as hefty hitting Ullian Khoo slammed out a terrific double to centre, driving in three runs after Mary Ng, Mary Mar and Doris Mar had filled the bags with neat bunting and whiffet. Ullian Khoo's single to end the scoring in this frame.

Portugal's challenging stars played loose ball after this pulverizing run attack, and the titleholders clinched the game in the next stanza with a five run scoring spree on successive singles by China's dynamic Ullian Khoo, Doris Mar, Ullian Khoo and Lily Mar.

The Chinese gals added three more tallies to their total in the 6th canto when the irrepressible Ullian Khoo, Lily Mar and Dot Louie checked in at the plate for a single, a balk and a passed ball. The winners climaxed their brilliant championship drive in the last frame with a solitary run.

Portuguese hurler Thelma Collaco, remained in a troubled atmosphere continually, in a fruitless attempt to subdue the powerful Chinese willow-wielders, while an erratic infield gave her a minimum of support as they played inconsistent ball throughout the game.

Team co-operation, an absolute essentiality in the making of worthy champions, was sadly lacking in Harry Noronha's lineup as Portugal's helms took this big loss in their second desperate title challenge.

Winning slabster Mary Ng, in hurling one of her finest games of the year, had such heavy clutter as Irene Pereira, Celeste Marques, Castilho, Terry Noronha et al., well under control in chalking up her third straight championship win in three years, as she held the finalists to five measly bingles.

THE highly consistent play that makes real champions was superlatively exemplified when India's rip-roaring titleholders took a glorious 6-2 triumph from a favoured American team, to retain the Jimmy King Shield and International championship for the second successive year.

With the return of A. R. Kitchell who sparked a classy-playing infield, the defending champions dished up a brilliant display of air-tight ball behind the steady hurling of ace Kama Naxarin who limited the dangerous Wagoner men to four bingles.

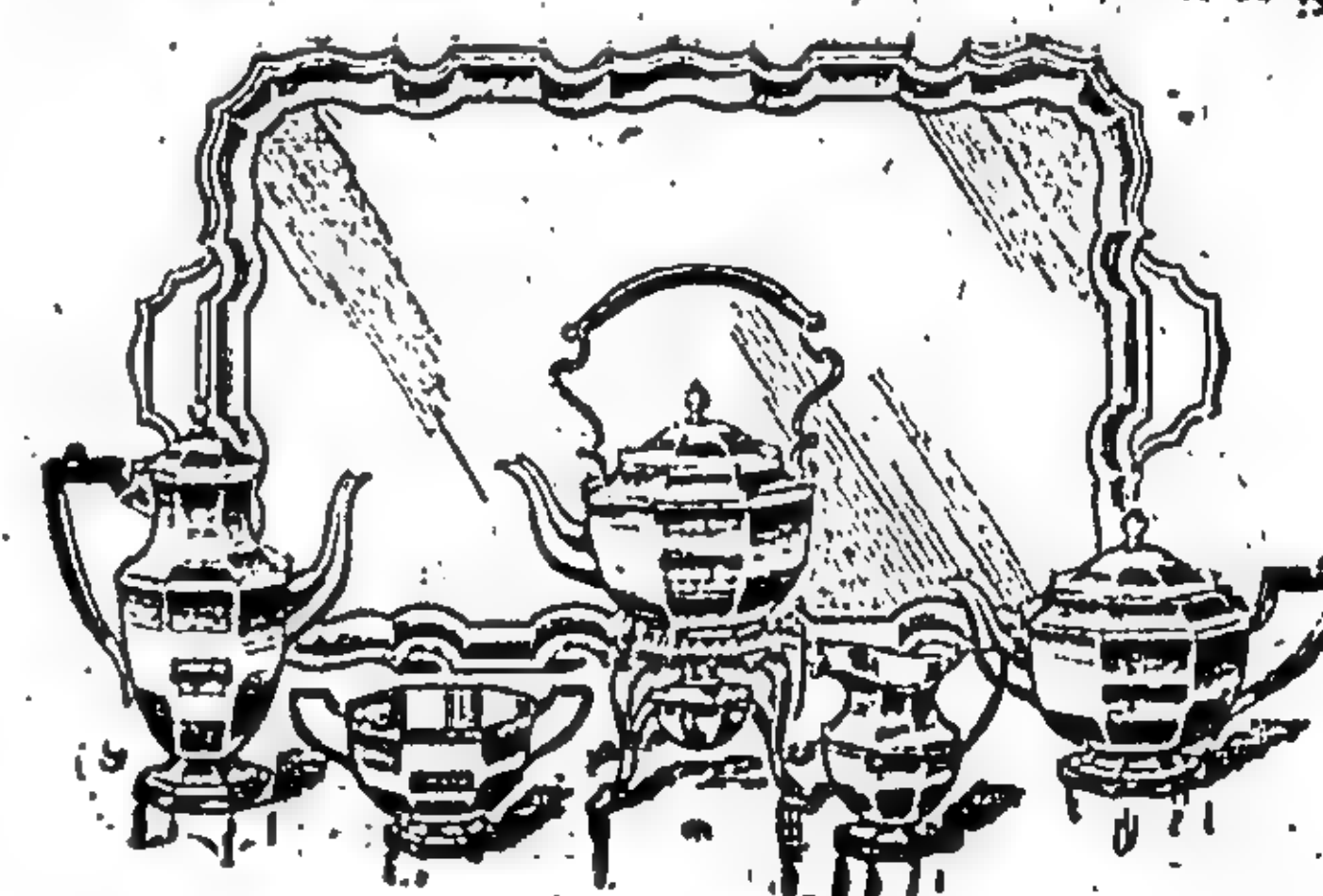
The Indians started off in winning fashion with two precious tallies in the opening frame, on an error, a sacrifice and a grass cutter through second by Savage Hassan as Sherry Bux and Jindoo Hussain hustled home to start the Indians' off on their run-making forays. The champions placed the old Inter-Nation title on ice in the 4th stanza when they breezed in with three more runs on stinging clouts by Savage Hassan and Skelley Ruzick and loose playing by a flustered American infield.

The Yankees made their biggest bid in the last of the 4th with two runs when galloping Pete Fitch opened the inning with a tremendous homer to deep left, followed by Doc Molten's tally on a passed ball.

India's brilliant lineup played dashing confident ball to come through with this starry climax win, and are worthy holders of a spot in the local softball "hall of fame."

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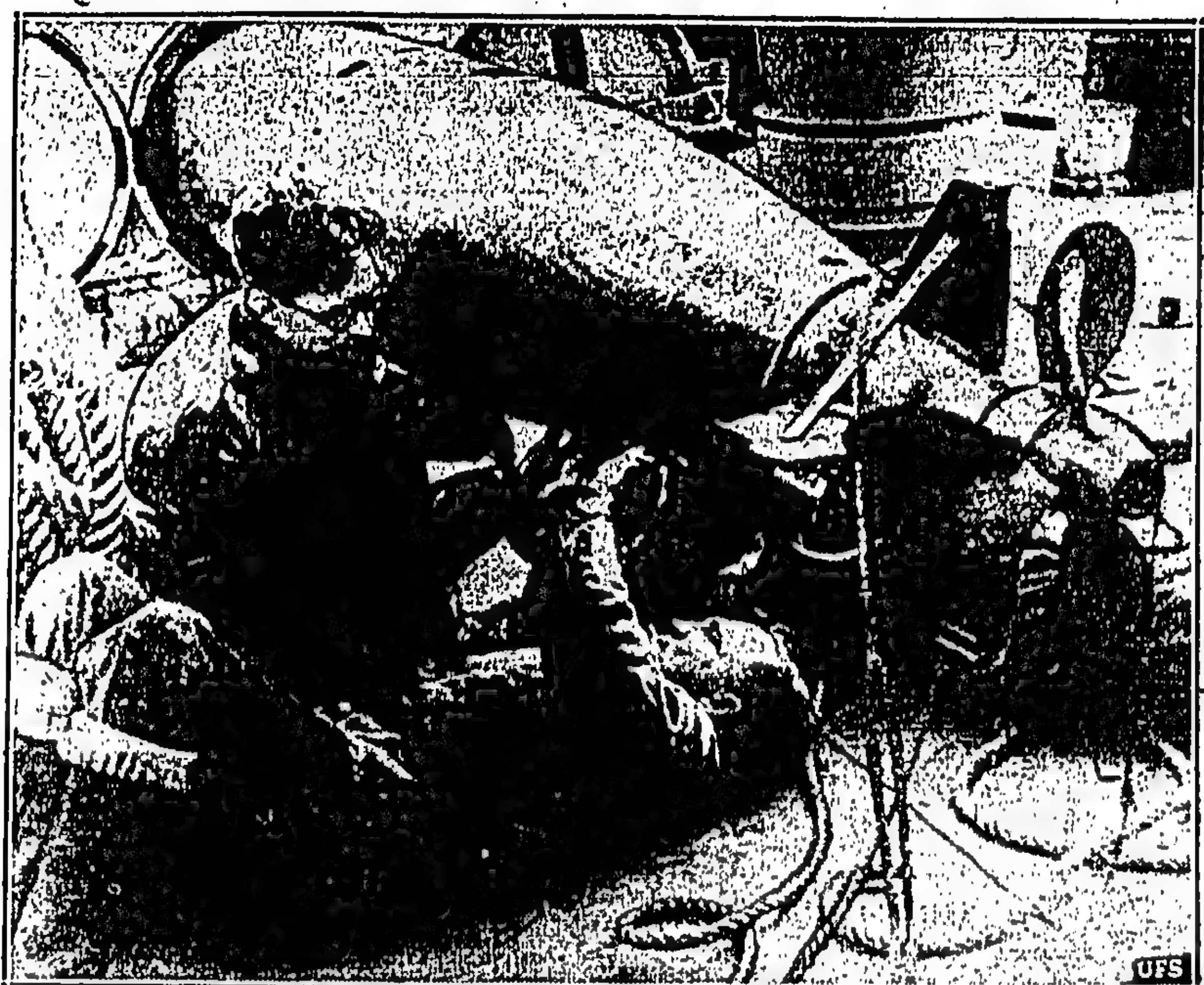
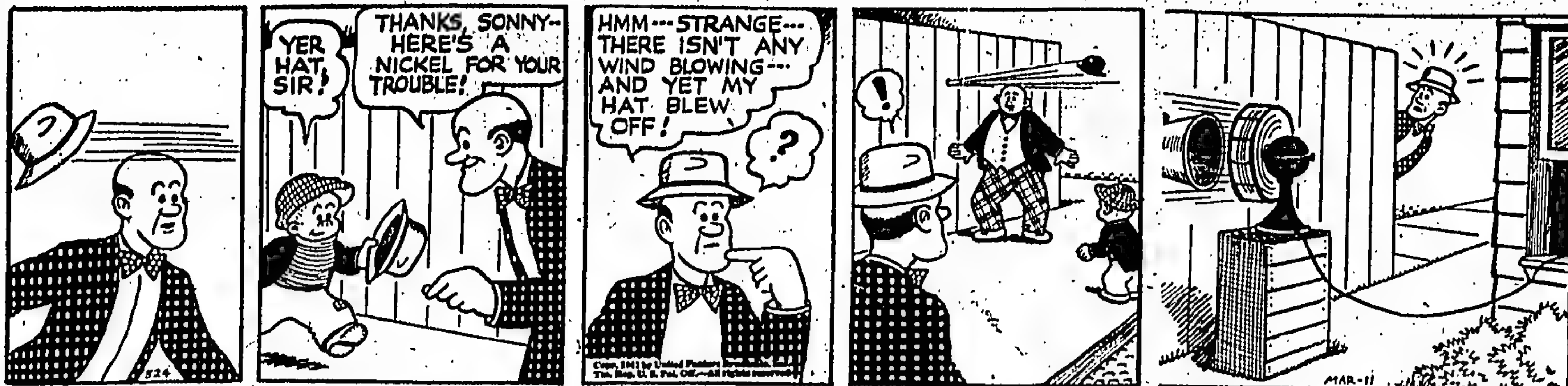
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



SOMETHING FOR ENEMY—British seamen adjust the tail of a torpedo aboard a British destroyer, in anticipation of meeting with the enemy. Such destroyers are fighting against Nazi raiders that have been sinking British cargo ships carrying supplies.

Ships Must Listen To B.B.C. News

All British ships of less than 1,000 tons must not go to sea unless equipped with radio able to receive the B.B.C.'s home or overseas news in English.

They must maintain a wireless watch to ensure that the news bulletins are received.

The Admiralty has made this order under the Defence Regulations.

Five Shillings For A Ship

The Noparo, patrol yacht of Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow (Barbara Hutton, a Woolworth heiress) has been sold to the United States Navy for a dollar (\$5. at present exchange) to be used as an auxiliary ship.

Built at Kiel, Germany, in 1920, she is 157 feet long, and carries a crew of twenty-three.

French Army Keeps Jewish General

France's only Jewish General, Bloch, is to be retained in the army in spite of recent laws governing the activity of Jews in France.

He is being exempted because of his scientific services and brilliant conduct during the war.

A new French law forbids the wearing of decorations without a police permit.

'ADMIRAL' BROWN CAPTURED

Youngest Prisoner of War

AT school they called Leslie McDermott Brown the "Admiral." To go to sea was his great ambition, and at fifteen he was a cadet in the Glasgow liner Kemmendale.

She vanished on a voyage from Cape Town to Rangoon last August. Now "Admiral" Brown is known to be a captive of the Nazis—the youngest British prisoner of war in Germany.

His mother overjoyed that he is alive, has taken from a wardrobe the warm coat he used to wear on the bridge.

She has hung it proudly on the side of the dining-room mantelpiece in her home.

Recently she got a postcard from him from a German prison camp.

"When Leslie left on what was the last voyage of the Kemmendale, he knew he was going to a hot climate," said Mrs Brown.

"So he left behind all his heavy clothes, including his bridge coat, of which he was very proud.

Her Thank-offering

"At nights, when I listened to the German broadcasts and I did not hear my boy's name mentioned among the prisoners of war, I sometimes felt depressed.

"I took out his bridge coat and wept over it."

As a thank-offering for the safety of her son Mrs Brown has given £5 to the Red Cross.

Leslie has a brother in the R.A.F., who wrote often to his mother during her months of anxiety that he was sure that Leslie was safe.

American Poet Gibes Hitler

Americans, who are at peace with Germany, place no restriction on names which can be publicly applied to Hitler, but Britons do, though they are the Nazi leader's foes.

They invited Maxwell Anderson, the American poet and playwright, to write a poem for the programme of a war relief show which they organised in New York. The number Mr Anderson produced began with this verse:

In the Third Reich, look where you will,
You see one vulpine physiognomy:
These are dog days in Germany
And Fuehrer Hitler is the dog.

This was the last verse:
And tolling after, men and women,
Watch the Fuehrer's dream take shape,
A dream that all who follow him
Shall be more like him and the ape.

The poem was not on the programme.

British officials said that though they personally consider dog and ape conservative terms for describing Hitler, they think publication of them "might be construed as giving the event the appearance of anti-German propaganda."

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1.01 Variety.
1.30 Reuters and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

Second Rhapsody (George Gershwin); Heart and Soul (from Film: "A Song is Born"); While a Cigarette Was Burning (Charles and Nick Keany); When Day is Done (De Sylva-Katscher); "The Widow" (Lohner); "The Chocolate Soldier"—My Hero Waltz (O. Strauss).

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Bizet Programme.
"Carmen"—Fantasia... The Charlottenburg Opera Orchestra; I Still Seem To Hear ("The Pearl Fishery")... Luigi Fort (Tenor); The Fair Maid of Perth—Suite; (1) Prelude; (2) (a) Aubade; (b) Serenade; (3) March; (4) Gypsy Dance... Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.20 Half an Hour of Dance Music.
8.00 Local Time Signal.
8.02 Light and Humorous Variety.
9.00 London Relay—News and News Commentary.
9.15 Studio—Letter from Free China.

9.30 Compositions of Ravel.
Sonatine for Piano—1st Mov.: Moderato; 2nd Mov.: Menuet; 3rd Mov.: Andante... Alfred Cortot (Piano).
Nicoletta, Ronde... The Lyons Mixed Chorus; Piece en Forme de Habanera... Maurice Maréchal (Cello); Trois beaux oiseaux de Paradis... The Lyons Mixed Chorus; Scarbo ("Gaspard de la Nuit" No. 3)... Walter Gieseking (Piano).

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).
10.00 Studio—The Third of a Series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day with excerpts from Famous Plays by the Studio Players. Arranged by Evelyn Wood.

10.35 Arriscentia—At the Court of Frederick the Great.
Musica Antiqua: Speakers: N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. Angier, H. Sarton directed by Nicholas Roth.
11.00 Close Down.

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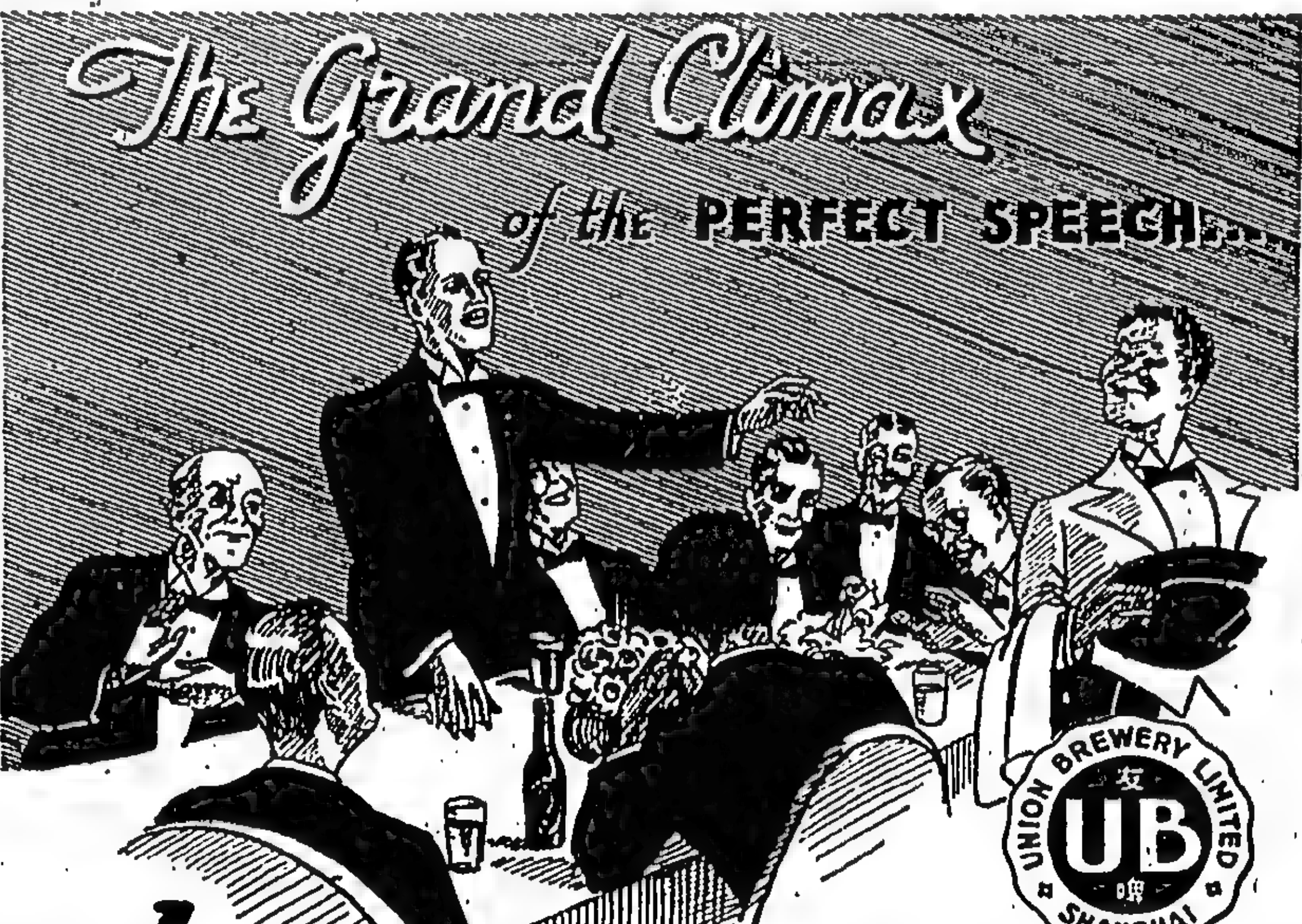
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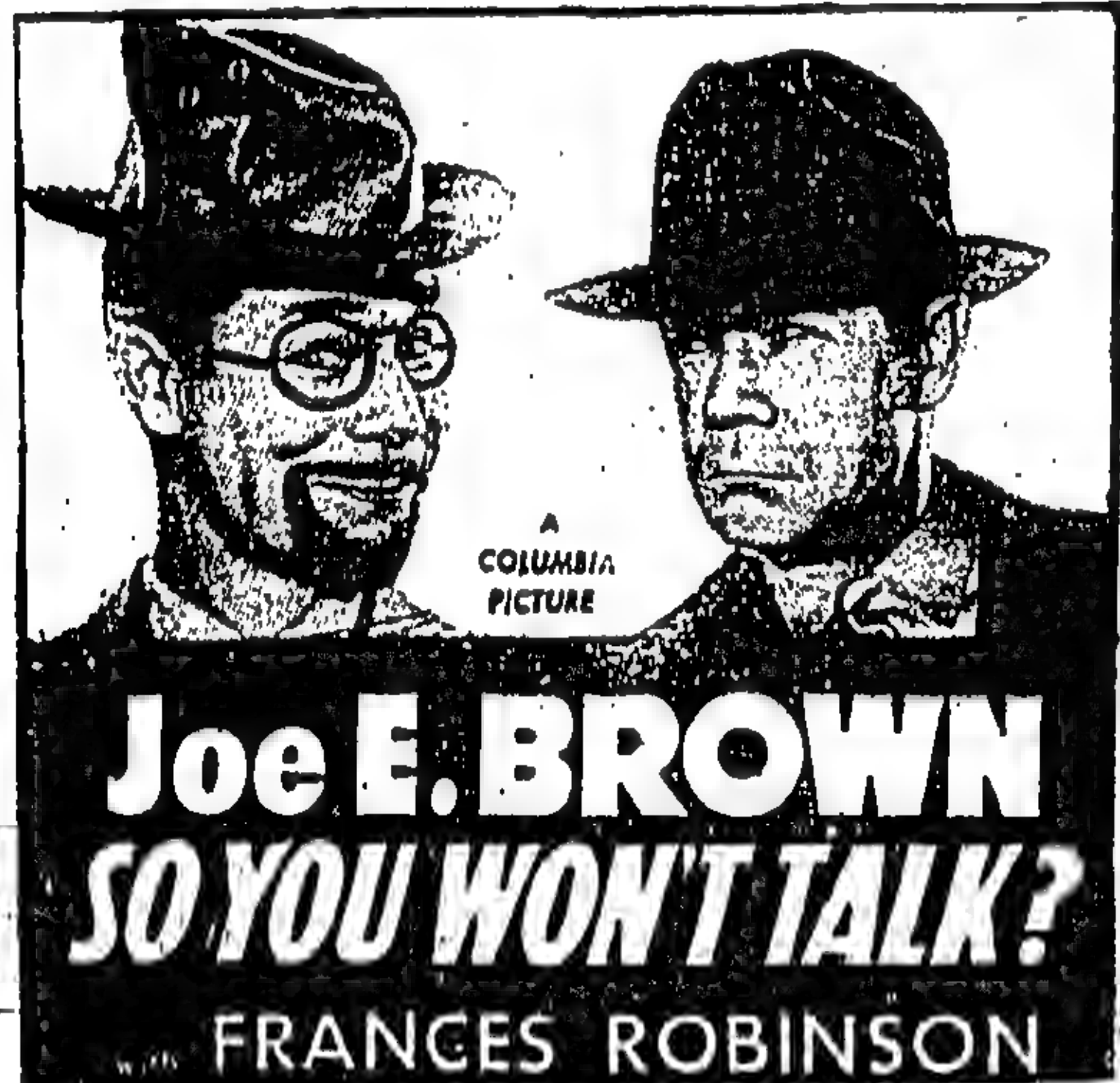


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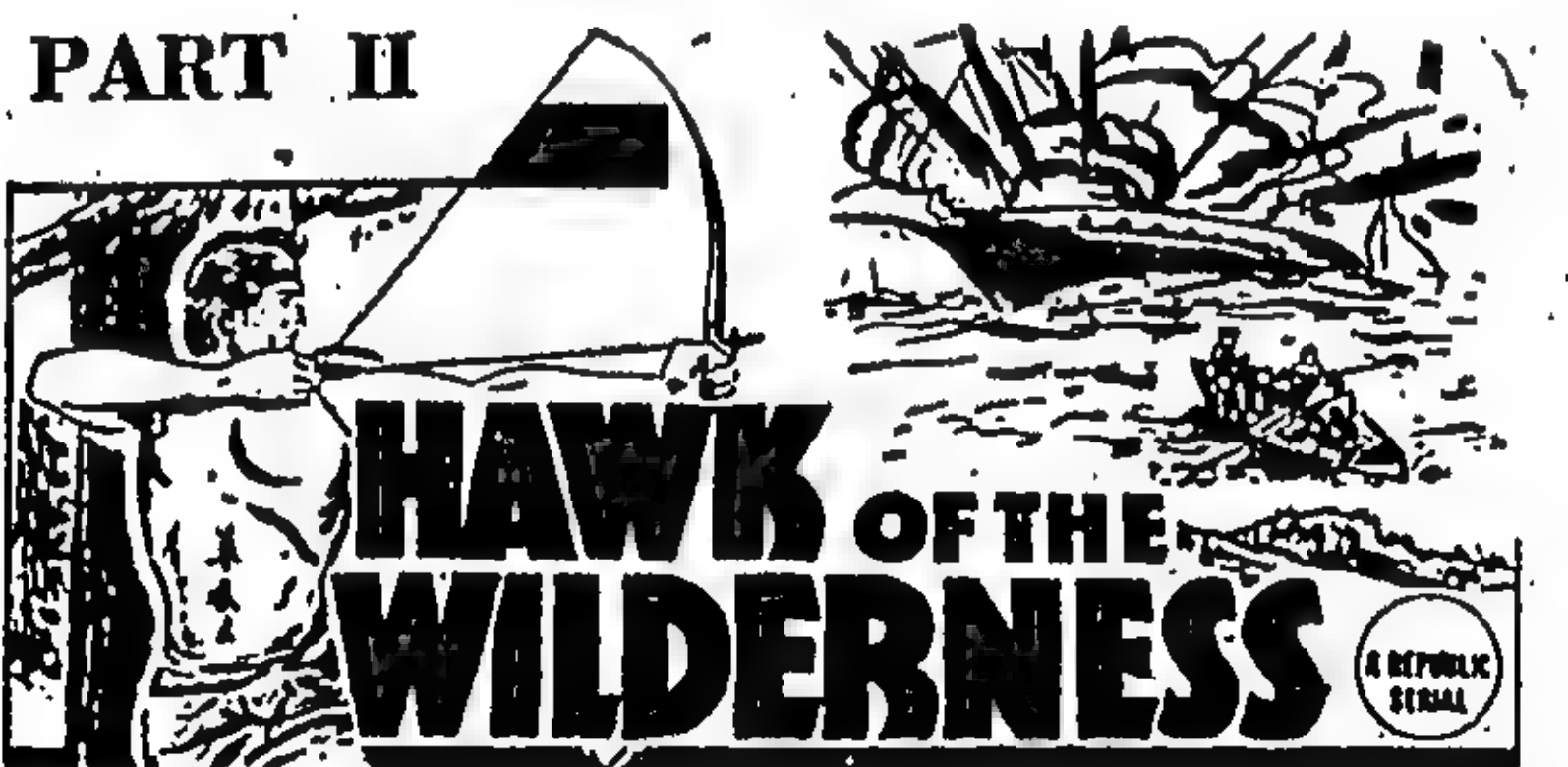
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ENEMY HALTED AT SOLLUM

—FROM PAGE ONE—

for the enemy. A mobile column yesterday swept down the escarpment which runs close to the sea at Sollum and tried to break through along the coastal road.

The enemy thus exposed their right flank to one of the most famous regiments of the British Army and when they came up against frontal opposition, they had to retreat hastily to their former positions. They retired under heavy fire and suffered very heavy casualties.

British armoured forces are meanwhile sweeping ceaselessly across the great desert plateau on top of the escarpment to counter any attempt to circle round our left flank.

At the moment the Germans are apparently pausing to think where next to direct their own and the Italian's efforts.

Canadian Daring

A feat which was described by a senior R.A.F. officer as "the most outstanding example of personal initiative and daring I have yet seen" was performed to-day by a Canadian pilot.

The pilot, who was flying on reconnaissance in a newly-arrived American plane, saw a large number of Junkers 52's (troop-carrying planes) lined up wing to wing on Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi. He asked his crew whether they were willing to attack despite the fact that the fight was purely a reconnaissance one.

"Sure, let's have a crack at them" was the reply.

He thereupon dived down from 12,000 feet until he was only 50 feet above the ground and flew straight across the line of German planes, out of which troops were just stepping. His guns set fire to one plane and several others were enveloped in smoke.

The troops, apparently flabbergasted by the sudden attack, had no time to raise their Tommy guns and crumpled up all along the line.

The gunner reported that he saw at least 200 men hit and fall.

This is the largest collection of aircraft seen at the Libyan aerodrome and indicates the extent to which the Germans find it necessary to stiffen the Italians.

Troops Are Keen

Mr Churchill's speech on Sunday, which is taken to mean that we do not intend to accept a defensive attitude here, has caused the greatest satisfaction among the troops, who are not in the least intimidated by the superior numbers against them and who are all as keen as possible to get to grips with the "Jerries."

LATE NEWS

Artillery & Aerial Duel Over Channel

—FROM PAGE ONE—

black smoke rose 200 feet into the air between Calais and Boulogne indicating that oil tanks had been hit.

A little later a cloud of steam was seen to shoot into the sky from Boulogne harbour indicating that a ship had been struck.

Still later two more columns of smoke were seen close to Calais continuing for ten or fifteen minutes. One fire was apparently ashore but the other was close to the cliffs, believed to be a ship.

The visibility was exceptionally good and at the height of the bombardment, the Boulogne Cathedral could be easily seen with binoculars, but in the early afternoon a haze arose and hid the French coast.

More Nazi Ships Hit

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—During to-day's operations by aircraft of the Bomber Command, four medium-sized ships encountered north of Dunkirk were bombed and machine-gunned despite thick cloud and rain, announces the Air Ministry.

As the bombers turned for home a number of Messerschmitts tried to intercept them but were beaten off by the fighter escort.

Spitfires on patrol over the Straits of Dover encountered a number of German fighters and a dogfight ended with the Germans quickly disappearing into the cloud.

A British pilot said "Although we did not see any of the Huns crash, some were damaged and we were left 'cockle of the walk'."

Swallowed In Quicksands

One of the two bombers shot down by anti-aircraft fire during the raid on Plymouth crashed into the sea only 220 yards from the shore. When it hit the water, it threw up a terrific column of spray.

A search was made at daybreak for the wreckage but the quicksands where it crashed had swallowed it up.

**U.S. PATROLS 2,000
MILES OUT TO SEA**

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at war right now if international law meant anything."

What England Offers

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—England offers hope of progress. Germany offers black terror. A British victory is absolutely necessary.

These are extracts of a manifesto issued by yet another pro-Allies Committee named "Union For Democratic Action."

Headed by the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Christian Ethics in the Union Theological Seminary, the

Dr Quo Impressed

—FROM PAGE ONE—

tion of the new railway in South China over which their Government could obtain outside supplies, is progressing well. United States and British help for the completion and operation of the railway is in prospect. Dr Quo stated that the railway will become the symbol of practical co-operation between the United States, Britain and China.

Courtesy Call

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—At a press conference to-day, the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull said that Dr Quo is in the city for several days on a visit of courtesy and friendship as he goes home to assume his duties as China's Foreign Minister. He asserted that during Dr Quo's courtesy call to-day, there was a brief general interchange of international information.

China Needs Planes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, after seeing Mr Cordell Hull, told the press that Chinese morale was never higher and that China would undertake an offensive against Japan as soon as she gets planes.

"The important thing now is planes and more planes," he said. He declared that munitions factories established in the interior of China will operate at full capacity as soon as raw materials are available.

Regarding Russia, Dr Quo Tai-chi said that the Russo-Japanese Fuel was less disturbing now than when it was first given because Russia had since given assurances that the present arrangements with China would be maintained.

Impressed By Hull

Dr Quo Tai-chi said that Mr Hull had impressed him greatly as one of the few world's leaders to-day who stand by their principles.

After spending a considerable time with President Roosevelt, Dr Quo again saw the press and said that China was grateful for loans. He described President Roosevelt as a man of worldwide vision, who saw the necessity of helping China as well as Britain. He declared that Britain was now very strong.

Committee includes educationists, writers, liberals, democrats, socialists, radicals and C.I.O. and A.F.L. Union leaders.

Criminal Folly

The manifesto also says: "It is criminal folly to assume that there is nothing to choose between a British and a German victory. We seek the peace that moves towards the United States and Europe. There must be a Versailles Treaty."

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Special to the "Telegraph"

DOVER, APR. 29 (UP).—A LONG RANGE GUN BOMBARDMENT WHICH STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING CONTINUED WITH UNABATED FURY UNTIL AFTER 1 P.M., THUS PASSING THE FIVE HOUR MARK.

WHILE THE BOMBARDMENT WAS UNDER WAY THE R.A.F. AND LUFTWAFFE FOUGHT A SERIES OF BATTLES OVER THE CHANNEL. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NEARLY 100 MESSERSCHMITTS, FLYING IN FORMATIONS, AT INTERVALS ATTEMPTED TO PENETRATE THE COASTAL DEFENCES BUT SPITFIRES AND HURRICANES THREW THEM BACK MOSTLY BEFORE THEY REACHED THE COAST.

U.S. WARSHIPS & COMBAT ZONES

Not Barred From Entry

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—President Roosevelt at a press conference to-day said that under the neutrality law, United States naval vessels may legally enter the combat zones. He emphasized, however, that this should not be construed to mean that United States warships would be sent to the combat zones

around Britain.

Regarding the patrols, he again emphasized that they would be extended as far out as necessary to protect the Western Hemisphere.

The President hinted that in the immediate future the United States might transfer some coast guard ships to the jurisdiction of the navy, but he declined to elaborate on this hint.

Correcting Misapprehension

The President's reminder that warships are not excluded from the combat zones was designed to correct any misapprehension that the cruising radius of the United States patrol vessels is automatically limited by law or proclamation.

The President, pursuant to the Neutrality Act of November 4, 1939 proclaimed that states of war existed between Germany and France, Poland, the United Kingdom and other Empire countries. Subsequent proclamations adding to or revising the combat zones used similar language. President Roosevelt in effect herefore to-day interpreted the phrase "any American vessel whether surface vessel or an aircraft" as not being

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ITALIANS STILL ON THE RUN

Raked By Aircraft

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The Italians have bolted in all directions following the capture of Dessie. Their difficulties are further increased by opposition from the patriot forces now arising in all kinds of unexpected places.

An Italian retreat towards French Somaliland would involve crossing a depression below sea level in burning heat by one route and almost equal difficulties by any other available route.

Both the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continue to give support to successful ground operations. South African fighters machine-gunned and damaged enemy aircraft on Gimma aerodrome and motor transport concentrations between Battie and Tandcho.

The R.A.F. bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions and trenches in the Chigla area. One fighter is missing from yesterday's operations.

Inspection Of Turkish Coast

VICHY, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—President Inocent of Turkey has not returned to Ankara from Western Turkey as stated by certain foreign radio stations, says an Ankara dispatch to the Vichy news agency.

He is indeed likely to spend another week on his tour of inspection of the Aegean coast before leaving for other districts of Turkey, the agency adds.

Blitz Has Left Part Of Plymouth Uninhabitable

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—A large part of Plymouth is to be declared an evacuation area following four raids in eight nights.

Ten thousand school-children are to be moved immediately to rural areas in Devon and Cornwall. Mothers with children, expectant mothers and old age pensioners who wish to make their own arrangements will be assisted to evacuate.

A decision to this effect was reached to-day at a conference between the city's Emergency Committee and a representative of the Ministry of Health.

Latest reports indicate that Monday night's raid caused widespread damage, particularly in areas already heavily hit, and many people were killed. Nevertheless, the casualties were not so heavy as in any of last week's raids.

It is now confirmed that four German aircraft were destroyed during the raid on Plymouth on Monday night, three by anti-aircraft guns, says the Air Ministry.

Although there has been a certain amount of activity by enemy aircraft during to-day near the southeast coast, there are no reports of bombs being dropped.

German shells for the first time mostly exploded in the air, scattering splinters over a wide area apparently in the hope that there would be many casualties, but police reported only two minor casualties.

The bombardment began about 8 a.m. with single shells from the batteries on Cap Griz Nez falling at intervals of from eight to ten minutes. British guns began to reply about 10 a.m.

Parachute Menace To Army Of The Nile

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—To-day's morning newspapers are quoting the Cairo reports that 100 Junkers 52 troop carriers are at present at Benina and speculating whether many others are ready in other Axis occupied aerodromes in Cyrenaica for a mass assault with parachute troops on General Wavell's forces who are defending the Suez Canal and Alexandria.

Military commentators are frankly surprised at the apparent numerical strength of Hitler's troop carriers, and pointed out that each is capable of carrying 25 men or field guns and armoured cars making three trips daily to the Nile Valley.

It is recalled that Hitler used giant planes to reach key points in southern Greece behind the Allied lines.

Axis Ships Sunk And Damaged

Summary Of A Week

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Thirty successful attacks on Axis shipping by units of the Fleet and R.A.F. are reported by official sources during the week ending April 27.

The biggest single episode was the naval bombardment of Tripoli at dawn on April 21 when three transport ships were set on fire, one of which was seen to sink, an ammunition ship exploded, a supply ship sank, another was seriously on fire and a destroyer was heavily hit.

Other naval successes include the torpedoing of a 10,000 ton tanker, a 9,000 ton supply ship, a 7,000 ton supply ship and a 7,000 ton ammunition ship in the Mediterranean, all announced on April 22.

Our Subs Score

A fully laden tanker bound for Tripoli was sunk by the submarine Tetrach, and a heavily laden blockade-running oil tanker of more than 10,000 tons was sunk by the submarine Uge.

At least six ships were hit off Norway, including a 3,000 ton supply

LATEST

STORY OF BLITZ ON PLYMOUTH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PLYMOUTH, Apr. 29 (UP).—Mr H. L. Percy, special correspondent of the "United Press," writes as follows concerning the recent raid on Plymouth:

The last time I saw Plymouth it had been blitzed. I thought in parts it was worse than Coventry. To-day, when I visited the town I found it far more damaged.

If the Germans coined the word "Concentrated" to describe the attack on Coventry, there isn't a word to describe what they have done to parts of Plymouth.

I am not trying to present a picture of the whole town razed flat with only ruins and no life. Plymouth isn't like that. In certain parts life is normal, with homes untouched and children playing around the sandbags.

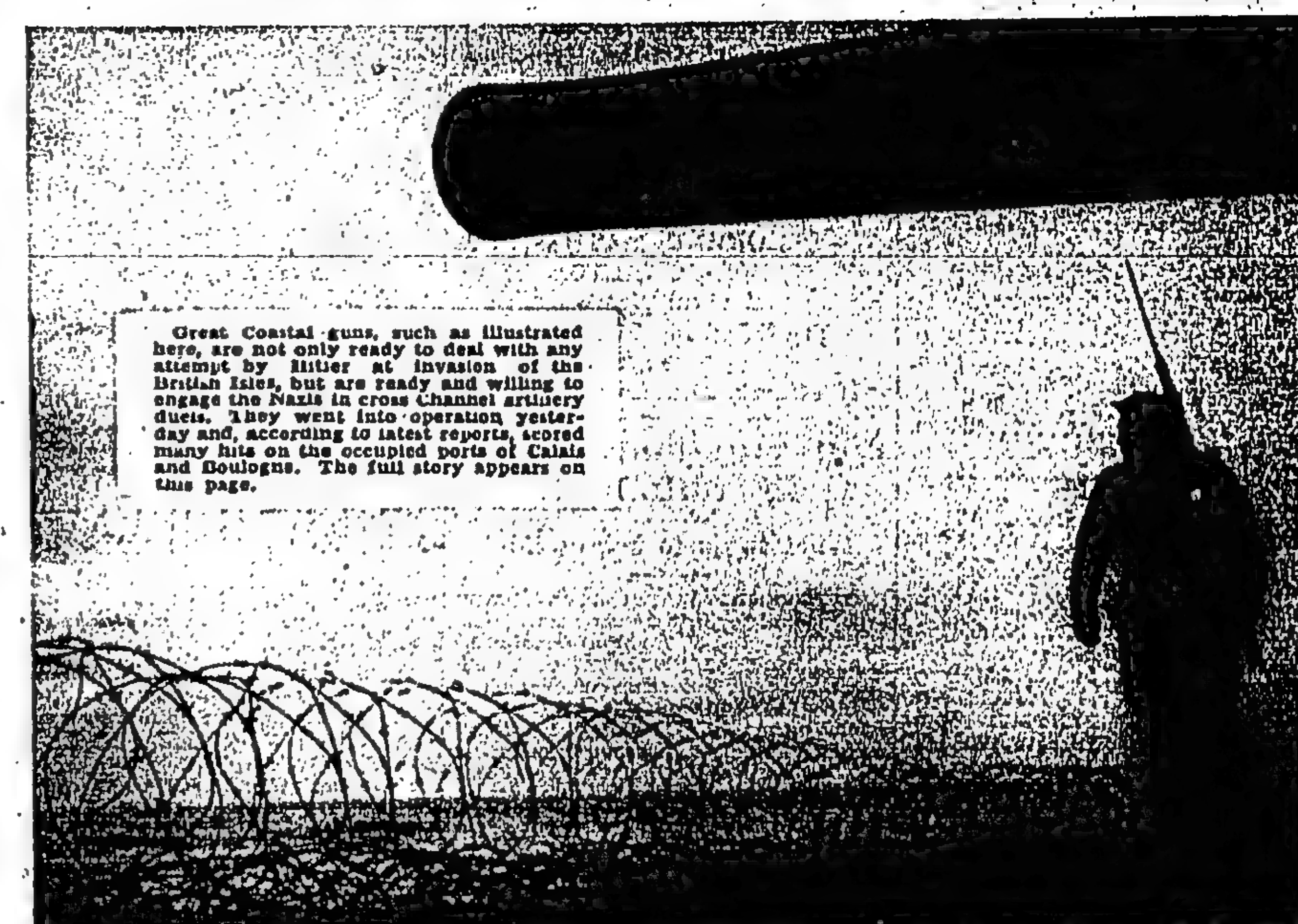
But in the areas hit it is stark ruin; something from hell; something to make you sick.

It reminded me of the pictures of French towns ravaged in the last war. At times it looked like a derelict film.

Last night's raid added little to the damage already done. The local inhabitants said it was not bad at all, but I think they have become hardened.

Official statistics of damage and casualties show, however, that it was not so bad as the three nights of last week. If another house is flattened or buildings burned out it didn't seem to matter. It certainly did not show in a town filled with streets of wrecked buildings.

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Further Late News



Great Coastal guns, such as illustrated here, are not only ready to deal with any attempt by Hitler at invasion of the British Isles, but are ready and willing to engage the Nazis in cross channel artillery duels. They went into operation yesterday and, according to latest reports, scored many hits on the occupied ports of Calais and Boulogne. The full story appears on this page.

Russia Bans Transit Of War Materials To Outside World

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, Apr. 29 (UP).—A decree was published to-day prohibiting the transit of all war materials through the Soviet Union.

Experts Baffled

Mystery Of British Minister

Mr Ronald Campbell
Reported Missing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Radio Ankara announced this evening that an Italian destroyer captured a small motorboat which was attempting to make its way to Crete and had aboard the British Minister to Yugoslavia, Mr Ronald Campbell and a Mr Brook, correspondent of the "New York Times."

Rome Inquiries

ROME, Apr. 29 (UP).—The American Ambassador, Mr William Phillips, called on Count Ciano at the Chigi Palace to-day and it is understood he made inquiries regarding the whereabouts of Mr Ronald Campbell, British Minister to Yugoslavia, since the United States handles British interests in Italy.

He also asked the Italian authorities to make an effort to locate several missing United States newspaper correspondents who were in Yugoslavia.

Raid Destruction At Kunming

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KUNMING, Apr. 29 (UP).—Japanese planes bombed Kunming this afternoon, destroyed the Canadian Inland Mission, damaged the British Consulate, wrecked the buildings surrounding the United States Consulate which was not damaged, and wrecked many shops in the main business district.

EARTHQUAKE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PERTH, Apr. 29 (UP).—The worst earthquake in 35 years to-day rocked a wide area of Western Australia. Buildings in Perth and distant towns were shaken but no casualties have been reported.

U. S. Patrols Operating 2,000 Miles Out To Sea

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Harold Stark, addressing the annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce to-day revealed that United States naval patrols are already operating as far as 2,000 miles out into the Atlantic.

He declared that substantial portions of the naval expansion programme are ahead of schedule and added, "We must be prepared to share our resources and this we will do within the limits of our security."

This remark was considered to be an indication that the transfer of more warships to Britain may be under consideration.

The Admiral, during the making of some informal remarks preceding his address, said that patrols were operating 3,000 miles out but later told reporters that he meant to say 2,000.

His remarks were broadcast on a nation-wide hookup, hence, he was given to correct through the news.

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The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

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POLICE SERGEANT.

Matsuoka U. S. Visit Discussed

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29

(Reuter).—The Japanese suggestion of Mr Yosuko Matsuoka visiting the United States still arouses some interest in sections of the press.

Scripps-Howard newspapers said that informed quarters in Washington consider it a trial balloon while other quarters see in it an officially-inspired feeler, reflecting Japanese anxiety of what the United States will do if the Japanese expansion programme is increased.

A paper quotes unnamed officials here as contending that as long as Japan is an aggressor and linked with the Axis, Mr Matsuoka would be a very unwelcome visitor here. The same paper, however, in an editorial, says that it can think of few possible moves on the international draught-board whose potentialities for good would be greater, adding that Mr Matsuoka knows that the United States well knows the odds against Japan, weakened economically by four years of war if she were pitted against an economic giant of the United States proportions.

Greek Government

BUDAPEST, Apr. 29 (UP).—The Greek radio announced this evening that General Kollakos has formed a counter-Government at Athens.

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Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	8 1/2 n.
Indo-China P.	80 b.
Indo-China D.	80 b.
Shell (Bencars)	40 1/2 n.
Waterboats	635 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	85 1/2 n.
Docks	15 n.
Providents	1 1/2 n.
Shal Dockyards	25 1/2 n.

MINING	
Kallan	14 1/2 n.
Hauha	1 1/2 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/2 n.

LANDS	
H.K. Lands	280 b.
Lands	33 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	12 1/2 n.
Humphreys	670 n.
H.K. Realities	290 n.
Chinese Estates	99 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	10 n.
Peaks Trams	1 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Forries	51 1/2 n.
Y. Forries	23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	6 n.
China Lights (new)	1 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old) x. rts.	25 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	24 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric Rts	14 n.
Macao Electric x.d.	17 n.
Sundakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones	23 n.
Telephones (new)	94 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cold Macg. (Ord.) Sh.	30 n.
Cold Macg. (Pref.) Sh.	25 n.
Canton Ices	1 n.
Cements x.d.	15 n.
H.K. Ropes	7 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Forms	17 1/2 n.
Walsons	17 n.
Lane Crawford	2 1/2 n.
Sincere	2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	14 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	38 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	200 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4% (1934)	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 n.
Ch Govt 5 1/2% 1925 G.S.Ds.	29 n.
H.K. Entertainment	40 1/2 n.
Constructions (old)	100 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	720 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	1 1/2 n.
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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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What to do to help a child

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The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.

The Inspector, 12 Sai Yung Chul St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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LINDBERGH RESIGNATION

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Colonel Lindbergh's resignation from the United States Air Corps Reserve has been accepted by the War Department.

Colonel Lindbergh tendered his resignation following President Roosevelt's criticism of his isolationist views. The President described Lindbergh as a "copperhead" which is the most deadly snake in the United States.

Mr. Early's Comment

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Scarcely an hour before the War Department accepted Lindbergh's resignation, Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's Secretary said that Lindbergh's request to resign "leads me to wonder whether or not he is returning his decoration to Mr. Hitler."

Secretary of War Stimson accepted the resignation soon after its receipt this morning. The text of the actual letter will not be made public.

Parsee Employees On Trial

BOMBAY, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—When the trial of two Parsee employees of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha branch in Bombay under the Defence of India Rules was taken up to-day, the prosecutor suggested that the trial be held in camera.

The defence counsel agreeing, the Magistrate adjourned the case to May 2.

The two men are charged with collecting shipping information useful to the enemy.

Soviet Bans Transit Of War Materials

MOSCOW, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—No war materials in future will be allowed to pass in transit through the Soviet Union under a decree signed by the Commissar of Foreign Trade to-day.

Munitions, aircraft parts, accessories and machine-tools for making munitions and explosives come under the decree.

Transit of other goods will be allowed but only with special authorisation or trade agreement.

Re-arranged Open Tennis Programme

TO-DAY'S Open Championship tennis match will be the doubles Semi-final between Taul Wal-pul and Taul Yun-pul, and G. W. Sewell and P. M. MacDougall. This will be on the Grand Court.

The remainder of the programme as revised will be:

TO-MORROW
Club Championship Semi-finals—
R. E. Guest v. M. Pagh (Stand Court); C. H. R. Oxide v. F. W. Carter.

FRIDAY
Open Singles Semi-final—Taul Wal-pul v. S. A. Runjahn (Stand Court).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
Open Singles Final.
FRIDAY, MAY 9
Open Doubles Final.

BROOKLYN TROUNCE CINCINNATI

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers scored a big victory over Cincinnati Reds in the National League to-day. St. Louis Cardinals noted out New York Giants 5-4, while in the American circuit St. Louis Browns beat New York Yankees 3-2.

Complete scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati 2 1 2
Brooklyn 10 1 0

St. Louis 5 4 0
New York 3 2 0

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"Yep!—the Country raised the price on all toll bridges... we're experimentin' with defence against invasion!"

THE CORVETTE saves convoys

British merchant shipping losses have been getting smaller. Why? The corvette, Britain's new type of warship, now being built on mass production lines, is part of the answer. Here A. J. McWhinnie tells you about life in these tiny saviours of the convoys.

THE Atlantic outlook is brightening.

For a fortnight I have been sailing thousands of miles out there, investigating the dangers, assessing the possibilities for the immediate future, and observing changes and developments in our unceasing fight against the U-boats across the biggest battlefield of all.

Things have been moving rapidly since my last Atlantic trip with a destroyer in December.

Outstanding are these facts, gathered with our Northern patrols and later with the vital convoys from the Americas.

British escort forces out there to-day are steadily being strengthened.

Ships may still be torpedoed at times. But the chances of convoys getting through are better than they were at the beginning of the winter.

There are several developments which, if even hinted at, would be of vital value to the enemy.

The ships of this particular convoy had their holds stacked with foodstuffs and war supplies and planes from America.

Not a ship was lost throughout the run. But there is a crippled U-boat out there somewhere. A corvette did that—one of the toughest little warships in the world.

I am the first Naval Correspondent to sail in these new anti-submarine ships, testing their endurance and fighting efficiency in Northern blizzards, howling gales, and head-on to the Atlantic rollers.

Rushed To Sea

These long-funnelled, whale-catcher type of warships, smaller than destroyers, were the answer to Britain's prayer when the Atlantic outlook was blackest, when France had caved in and we had to fight alone.

There was no time to build destroyers to beat the new intensive U-boat Blitz.

So crisis decisions were taken.

Many slipways must be used to rush out corvettes. Organisation between builders and sub-contractors must be such that mass production methods could be used. Corvettes must be rushed out to sea on chain-belt principles.

And to-day you find corvette groups operating alongside the destroyers and sloops with the convoys.

Their advantages are these: (1) They can fight U-boats in the foulest weather.

(2) They can be built reasonably quickly—I look forward to the time when, from a single slipway, one corvette

can be put to sea every month. Shipyards in the Dominions as well as at home are building them:

(3) A corvette costs only a fraction of the cost of a destroyer. Numbers count in screening a convoy from U-boats, so the cost of escort craft comes down:

(4) The range of these tiny warships is a secret, but they are fitted with the same efficient anti-submarine gear as the crack destroyers. And submarine protection has been recently further improved;

(5) While not so fast as destroyers, they are fast enough to pursue the U-boats, and that's all the speed they need for the job for which they are being built.

(6) They need only 50 men—a third of a ship's company of a destroyer.

(7) A corvette is in herself only a tiny target, whether she is being attacked from the air or on, or under, the sea.

"Lively" Ships

I see no reason why we should not have two or three hundreds of these corvette anti-submarine warships sooner than most people might think. That number would be a first class insurance against U-boats.

They are lively in seaway. The men who sail in them

suffer discomfort in even the slightest swell.

And when they are battling through the winter gales, their broad beams roll with the sickening movement of a fat goldfish flicking its tail to jerk over on its side when somebody bangs its bowl.

I have sailed more than 25,000 miles covering the war at sea, mainly in destroyers, but I've never known anything like the roll you get in these corvettes.

"Hand-Picked"

The corvette men have been hand-picked for their endurance. And, when they prove they can take it, they say they wouldn't change. They are proud of their task.

They had to be on this trip, what with gales and blizzards, squalls and storms, and three days living on hard tack.

They certainly earn their "hard-lying money". Outside the submarines there isn't a tougher job afloat.

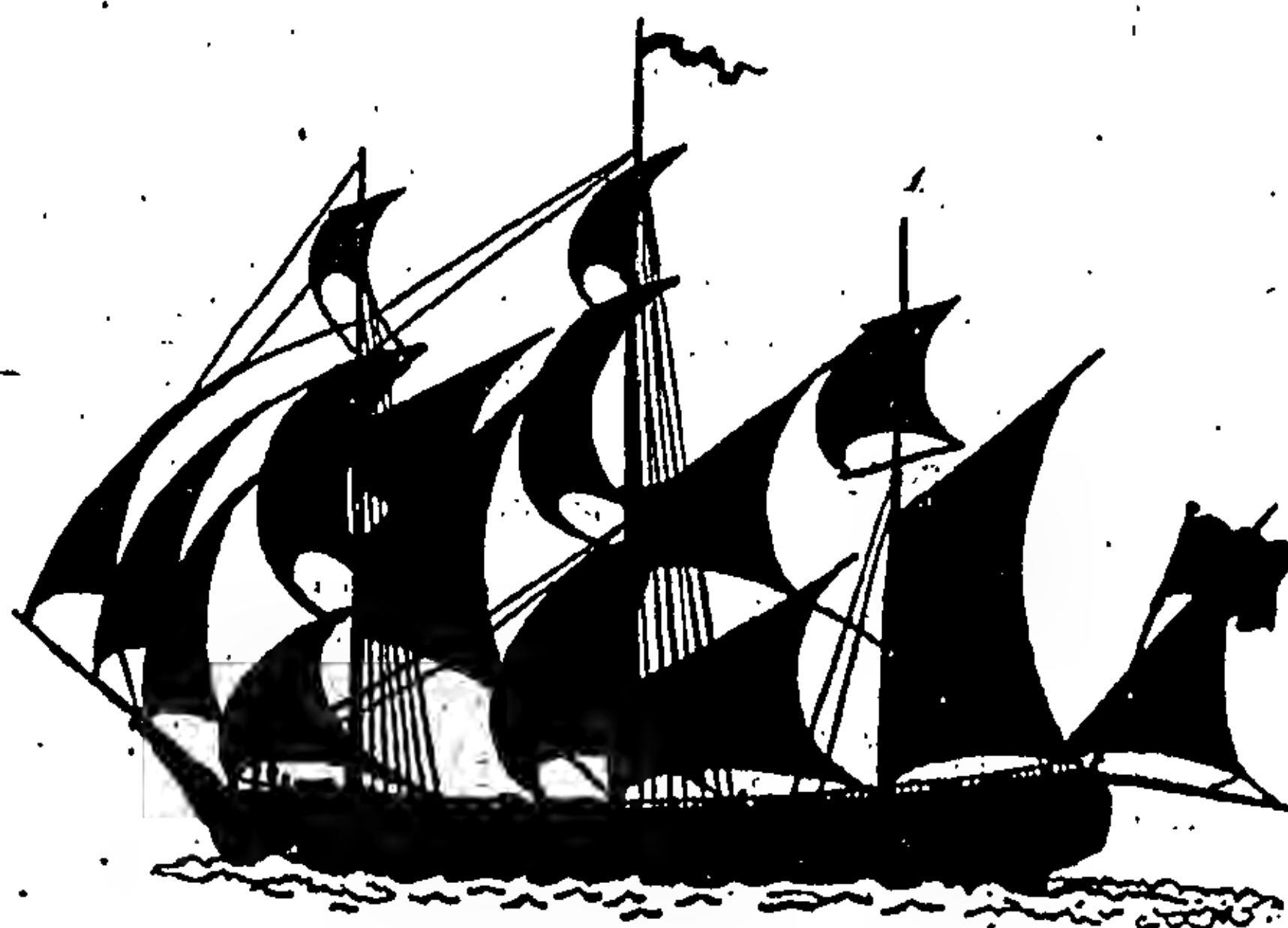
Commanding officer of the corvette in which I sailed is an R.N. commander who likes being a small ship man while his son is in the biggest warship of all—the Hood.

The first lieutenant was a luxury liner officer in peacetime. He was R.N.R. and found himself in the doomed armed merchant cruiser *Patrolus*. He clung to a tiny raft for seven and a half hours before a destroyer picked him up.

The navigator has been seven times round the world in tramp ships. He is only 27 now. The sub-lieutenant (R.N.V.R.) is a 21-year-old baronet.

Down on the mess deck they yarn about their adventures earlier in the war. Most of them have been "over the side." Most of them have had their baptism of fire at sea.

I'd back these corvette men in a fight against any U-boat.



1781 The term "corvette" now being used to designate the new Navy convoy boat was originally applied to a vessel of burden... It was a flush-deck vessel, barque rigged, with one tier of guns either on the upper or main deck.

The corvette of 1781 was, in addition to its specified duties, made to do the odd jobs. It had, for instance, to do convoy work, to look for smugglers and chase privateers.



1941 The only relationship the patrol corvette of 1941 bears to the corvette of 1781 is that it, too, has to do the odd jobs. Its design is based on that of whale catchers in the Antarctic—it will do the same work in the wintry North Atlantic as the destroyers of the convoy escorts. The corvette carries a supply of depth charges, and its complement generally consists of three officers and about sixty ratings. It has already proved successful against the U-boats.

Eugenics League

More Money Needed

Continued progress was made by the Hongkong Eugenics League during the past year, according to the fifth annual report, which will be presented at the yearly meeting to be held at the Grosvenor Hotel on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.

The report, signed by Mrs Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Secretary, states in part: The number of patients has increased in all the Clinics by nearly 100 per cent, and the improvement in the numbers of those returning for re-examination has been maintained.

Home Policy Followed

The League in co-operation with the Medical Department is pursuing the same policy advocated by the Ministry of Health in Great Britain. Health Centres have been established where mothers can attend ante-natal clinics; after the birth of the baby, they return to the Centre for advice on infant welfare and Gynaecological Clinics for post-natal care have been arranged which include advice on family planning, that is, how to space children for the sake of the health and the well-being of the family. An increase in this service is urgently needed.

The League has been successful in obtaining regular supplies of appliances from New York; but unless there is increased financial support during the next year, the League will be forced to discontinue this help to poor patients.

The League has been able to respond to requests for appliances from Shanghai, Kwelyang, Hainan and other centres. Assistance has also been given to mothers proceeding to the interior.

Social Welfare Worker

The Executive Committee has retained the services of a social welfare worker, who assists in the four Clinics and pays home visits to the mothers who attend the Clinics. The Committee considers that this follow-up work is of the greatest importance and therefore is most anxious to engage a second welfare worker since it is impossible for one worker to follow up the cases of all four Clinics. The educational work of the League is limited through the lack of co-operation of Chinese educated women, who, with their knowledge of the language, customs and problems of patients could talk with them on the advantages of family planning for more effectively than European women. The League wishes to form a Committee of Chinese voluntary helpers to take over the publicity and educational work of the League.

Referring to parents who are unable to give their children sufficiently good feeding from birth and unable to play their full part in the community, the report states that this is self-evident in Hongkong where starvation diseases such as Beri-beri, Pellagra and Tuberculosis are on the increase and where education is only available to a very small proportion of the population.

The Committee therefore hope that in the coming year they may have more active co-operation from Chinese women so that the services of the League may be developed where they are most needed.

Miss Constance Lam, the Hon. Treasurer, submits a report on the League's objectives: to prevent and cure. Its function is to help families, particularly of the submerged class, to plan and to space the size of their family around their earning capacity, so that each child can have a decent chance of survival and healthy growth, she states.

Gift For Schools

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges gratefully the gift of \$500 from the General Chinese Charities Fund Committee through the kindness of the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, for the schools established for the children transferred from the Po Leung Kuk to the Government camps.

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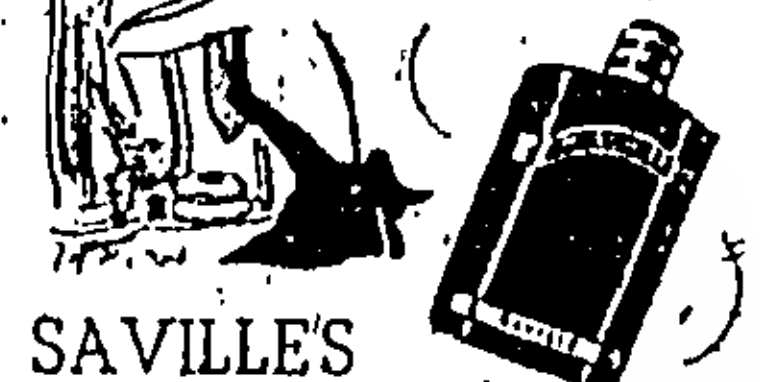
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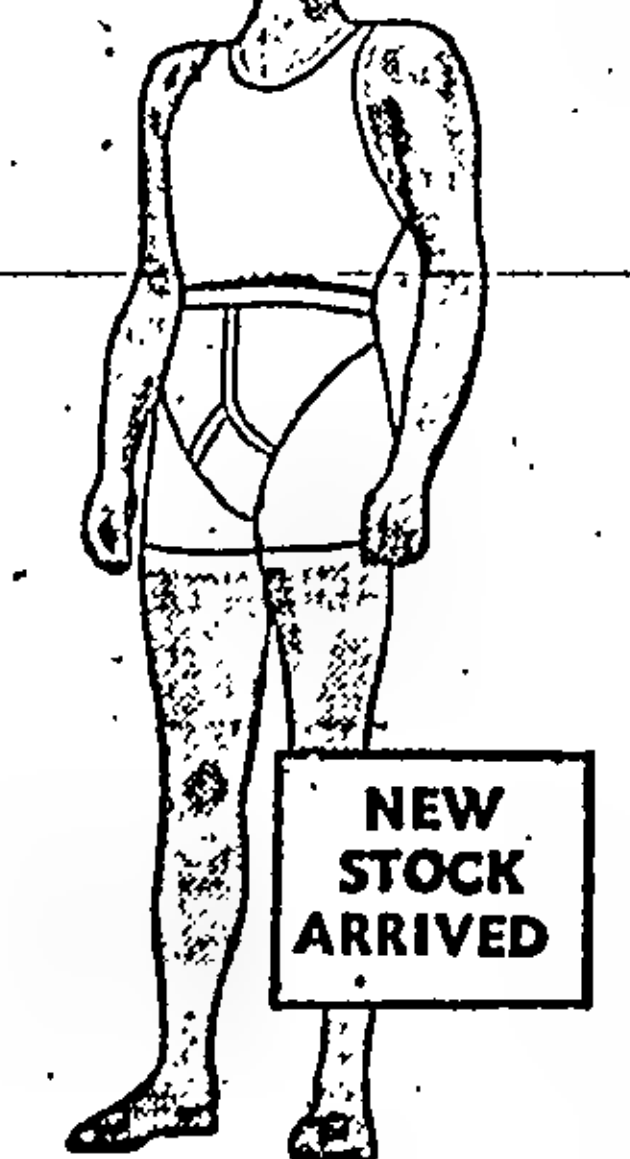
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WELCOME SENTIMENTS

THE foregathering of the leaders of the Anglo-Japanese communities in Hongkong yesterday, on the occasion of the fortieth Birthday of His Imperial Majesty, The Emperor of Japan, was a specially pleasing and happy event in this present time of international distrust and discord. Both the Consul-General and His Excellency the Governor, stressed the wish that it should be possible for Britain and Japan to live again on the friendly terms of the past, and there is no doubt that such a wish will echo in the hearts of all Japanese and British people alike, whose great aim in life is to foster the happier aspects of civilisation, and to eschew all that savours of the false and hostile.

So much has already been lost both in lives and wealth by the insanity of war; and so much is yet to be gained by friendly and reasonable collaboration between the peoples of the earth. Indeed, the curse of unjustified and unreasonable hostility has evoked expressions of disgust and apprehension throughout the entire world, so much so, that the United States has been compelled to throw the whole weight of its resources into the battle which aims at the restoration of friendship and peace between all the peoples of the earth.

Mr Yano's reference to the alliance which once existed between Britain and Japan, and which saved the Far East from a major upheaval, was well chosen, and it is to be hoped that his confidence that the same spirit will be kept alive in the hearts of both nations, will prove to be soundly based.

The merchants and traders of Japan must have lost very heavily on account of the present war, and British traders too, have suffered heavily and unnecessarily. For such disruption of the normal trade, so properly referred to as the life-blood of nations, cannot be justified, and it behoves those who wield the power to check or to extend war, to consider the masses whose desire is for peace and prosperity.

Similar gatherings to that of yesterday's will have taken place

He had a scheme ready, to carry on where Weygand left off...

DE GAULLE'S last-minute ADVICE

EVERY day, as military operations moved from the Meuse to the Somme and the Aisne and then to the Oise and the Seine, General Weygand and Marshal Petain had long conversation with the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud.

Once, often twice, daily—as General de Gaulle, who was a witness, told me later—General Weygand produced long reports which were nothing more than bulletins of defeat.

Their general conclusion, though not yet specifically indicated, became more probable every day—armistice.

Dilemma

Men who had been in a position to meet General Weygand between May 19 and May 25, and who saw him again in Paris between June 6 and June 11, no longer recognised him as the same man.

They had admired his lucidity and coolness. They could now see only the fatigue of nervous exhaustion, and ill-temper.

And sometimes, when subordinates were concerned, he used a tone which was far from courteous.

At this particular time it was a matter of deciding whether to fight in Paris or whether Paris should be declared an open town. And there were two opposed points of view.

One was that of the revolutionary tradition, of desperate battle, if need be street by street, leaving the enemy to bear the blame for destroying treasures of stone amassed by the centuries.

The other was that of the High Command, the politicians, and the keepers and curators of old buildings.

Their contention was that it is not cities which fight, but armies.

Departure

The spectacle presented at the Premier's offices on June 8 left under the decision in no doubt. The sole concern of everyone was to safeguard his own skin and divert responsibility from himself.

June 9 was taken up with preparing for the departure, which had been fixed for the evening of the tenth.

I asked for an appointment indirect hints this time, but with M. Reynaud, Marshal Petain was leaving the War Ministry when I arrived.

While I was waiting in the ante-room M. Baudouin came hurrying in, looking very important.

"Who is with the Premier?" he asked the usher.

A name was given in reply. He looked annoyed and then, seeing me, said: "Have you an appointment?"

"Yes."

"Will you allow me to go in before you? I've come from the Foreign Office—it's extremely urgent."

I did a little theorising. This was the ninth. Italy's entry into the war had been announced for the tenth.

My supposition changed to certainty when I entered the study of M. Reynaud, who seemed more on edge than ever.

M. Baudouin had just informed him that, according to a message from Rome, Mussolini would strike the next day.

Once again I asked him if he was still in favour of total resistance, with all its consequences.

He made me a staccato and jerky little speech in reply. Did I wish to insult him by doubting his purpose? I would soon see!

As for the departure from Paris, yes, the Government had decided on it. But he would be the last to go. If he were taken prisoner, so much the worse.

"The news is worse?"

"Yes."

"But it's still—war, at any price?" I insisted again.

"Yes, without quarter!"

Why had he spoken of the possibility of being taken prisoner? I put it down to his customary love of boasting.

The next day I had the explanation when I heard that Mme de Portes had been playing a fine dramatic scene.

She had talked of nothing less than remaining in Paris. She did not want to leave. She was not afraid of the Germans, not she.

Was this a deliberate attempt on her part to hasten the request for an armistice already

over Paul Reynaud and I can hear him whispering emphatically in his ear:

"When a general has lost all fighting sense, he is replaced by someone else."

Paul Reynaud did not say that he would not dare—on the contrary, he declared that he was ready to do it.

And if De Gaulle flew to London and explained everything to Churchill because of the troops and transports.

How To Do It

But how could Reynaud put this scheme into execution? Helene de Portes would certainly not agree to it. She would exclaim:

"Your precious De Gaulle would do better to go and counter-attack somewhere with his tanks."

Baudouin would raise a host of objections.

Weygand would declare: "If we want to save anything there

France—the Whole Truth

Fourth Article of the Series

By **ELIE J. BOIS**

Famous Paris Editor and for 20 years an intimate of France's Rulers.

is nothing for it but to capitulate."

All this Paul Reynaud told himself as he paced round his room like a wild cat in a cage.

He certainly had reason to meditate, for the conspirators were making arrangements drawing up plans, allotting parts, preparing the atmosphere.

There were secret conclaves just as there were almost open discussions. This was the general situation when the Government of France started to establish itself in Tours, amid the extraordinary confusion that prevailed there.

General Weygand then prepared to attend a Council of Ministers, having made up his mind to engage in a violent assault.

He made a sketch of the military position that was as black as, and perhaps blacker than, the reality. It was not a defeat, it was a rout, it was collapse, complete and relentless.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Meet the Camp Cat

YOU will hear more of Charlie the Chancer. He is a city slicker, who knows where to go and have a good time in London, Brummagem, and points North.

He has a quick eye and a Bren-gun tongue—opens a conversation with Five Rounds Application, and then, having got on his mark, goes on in bursts.

He knows everything and everybody: claims close friendship with such celebrities as Gordon Richards, Alex James, Len Harvey, and most of the nobility and gentry.

Charlie always has the inside dope, the secret information.

The other day, as we picked our way over the puddles between the huts, a cat passed.

Charlie the Chancer said: "There she goes. The unluckiest cat in the world."

"Dead unlucky. If I was the Commanding Officer of this outfit, I'd detail twelve men for a firing squad and give that cat the works."

"They tried to lose her several times. She always came back. Once they put her in a conveyed lorry and took her seventy miles into Hampshire, and dumped her. Next day she was back."

"Don't ask me how it's a mystery. If ever you're called on Company Orders, and that cat crosses your path, expect the worst."

"I know that cat in London—I recognise the white patch on her chest. She was evacuated to Chesham Bois when the war broke out."

"She didn't like the country. First morning there she takes a walk to the chicken-run and tries to go for a rooster."

"Well, the old rooster stands on tip-toe and lets out a cock-a-doodle-

"I have saved honour. I am no longer in a position to stem the enemy's advance."

He asserted that the soldiers were not fighting any more, that they were throwing away their arms and running away, that multitudes were to be feared, perhaps worse.

"Let us remember 1917," he exclaimed, "when Russian soldiers formed Soviets in the regiments and in the armies."

And he concluded: "There is no other solution except an immediate request for an armistice."

M. Reynaud, who had the vigorous words of General de Gaulle in his mind, betrayed no hint of weakening.

He had signed an alliance with Great Britain. He was bound by it. He would honour the signature of France as he would his own.

He maintained the firm position he had taken up. The majority of the Council seemed disposed to follow him.

M. Chautemps, the Vice-Premier, was careful not to come into direct conflict with the Premier, but at the end of a carefully-balanced argument, he asked:

"Why should not the Prime Minister, whose authority stands so high with the British Government, ask Mr Winston Churchill to release France from her pledge?"

As he enlarged upon his astute suggestion, M. Baudouin's face lit up. Even M. Reynaud admitted that there might be something in the idea. He would think it over, broach the subject gently to Churchill—

"It must be done quickly!" Weygand struck in.

"Even were I alone, and I imagine I shall not be," said Mandel in a voice that fell like an axe. "I will have no part in a capitulation which would dishonour us."

Bordeaux

Then he raised the question of the next removal of the Government. The supporters of the armistice unanimously proposed Bordeaux.

M. Mandel showed that he had already considered the possibility of Quimper, in Brittany. M. Reynaud, who had been attracted by De Gaulle's Breton scheme, approved and supported the suggestion.

It meant the port of Brest with possible communications with England, America and North Africa.

And thus it was decided. When M. Mandel returned to the Prefecture in the middle of the night, he telephoned immediately to requisition chateaux, hotels and so forth in Quimper.

While he was doing so, M. Paul Reynaud became a prey to the fury of Mme. de Portes.

"What is this ridiculous joke about going to Quimper? Are you anxious to make a fool of yourself? Go to Quimper by yourself, my friend, you and your Mandel!"

General de Gaulle, who was present, defended the proposed departure for Brittany.

Baudouin skillfully argued against it. "And while he was doing so telephone calls kept reaching M. Reynaud, also opposing it."

The Premier yielded, and got in touch with M. Mandel. Orders to Quimper were countermanded and the message was sent to Bordeaux to expect the Government to arrive there.

To-morrow

A conference with Mr Churchill in Tours. Mme. de Portes demands an armistice. Weygand reserves his ultimatum and says Communists now hold Paris. The scenes in Bordeaux. British Ambassador's difficulties.

ENEMY HALTED AT SOLLUM

Worried By British Tactics

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Authoritative circles to-day described the Axis advance in Egypt as being "most cautious." The three small columns which crossed the border last Saturday converging on "Hell's Fire Pass" just above Sollum, only progressed five or six miles in three days. Apparently no further progress was made yesterday as the British mobile units continued their "henpecking."

Apparently the attacking forces, mostly Italians, were permitted to take Sollum without serious resistance because it is not important militarily and is extremely hard to defend effectively. As a result of the raids from Tobruk, they find the Australian raids rather more than they like.

It was emphasised that Tobruk is not closely invested on the land side.

Three Column Drive

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Enemy troops on the Egyptian frontier, he said, had reached a point about five miles east of Sollum and had halted there. It was difficult to determine whether the halt was due to the harassing action of the British patrols, R.A.F. bombing, supply problems or sandstorms. The halt was probably due to a combination of all four factors.

Enemy troops are now spread out in a long straggling line from Tripoli to Sollum. There are minor groups round Bardia and Tobruk.

The head of their advance consists of three columns—one on the coastal road and two on a higher escarpment. All three have halted near Sollum.

German troops particularly, the spokesman continued, are now experiencing the difficulties of desert warfare, namely water shortages, transport problems and that hot dusty wind which, according to an Arab proverb, justifies wife murder if it continues for five days.

The situation in Libya generally, the spokesman said, is viewed in Cairo with calm optimism.

Troop Planes Attacked

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. attacked Junkers troop-carrying planes embarking enemy troops at Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi, again yesterday. One plane was destroyed and a number of others were severely damaged.

Considerable casualties were inflicted among the troops, adds the R.A.F. communique.

Enemy Outflanked

April 28 (Delayed in Transmission).—The first German-Italian attempt to dash across the Egyptian frontier resulted in a sharp rebuff for the enemy. A mobile column yesterday swept down the escarpment which runs along the sea at Sollum and tried to break through along the coastal road.

The enemy thus exposed their right flank to one of the most famous regiments of the British Army and when they came up against frontal opposition, they had to retreat hastily to their former positions. They retired under heavy fire and suffered very heavy casualties.

British armoured forces are meanwhile sweeping ceaselessly across the great desert plateau on top of the escarpment to counter any attempt to circle round the left flank.

At the moment the Germans are apparently pausing to think where next to direct their own and the Italian's efforts.

Canadian Daring

A feat which was described by a senior R.A.F. officer as "the most outstanding example of personal initiative and daring I have yet seen" was performed to-day by a Canadian pilot.

The pilot, who was flying on reconnaissance in a newly-arrived American plane, saw a large number of Junkers 52's (troop-carrying planes) lined up wing to wing on Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi. He asked his crew whether they were willing to attack despite the fact that the fight was purely a reconnaissance one.

"Sure, let's have a crack at them!" was the reply.

He thereupon dived down from 12,000 feet until he was only 50 feet above the ground and flew straight across the line of German planes, one of which troops were just stepping. His guns set fire to one plane and several others were enveloped in smoke.

The troops, apparently flabbergasted by the sudden attack, had no time to raise their Tommy guns and crumpled up all along the line.

The gunner reported that he saw at least 200 men hit and fall.

This is the largest collection of aircraft seen at the Libyan aerodrome and indicates the extent to which the Germans find it necessary to stiffen the Italians.

Troops Are Keen

Mr Churchill's speech on Sunday, which is taken to mean that we do not intend to accept a defensive attitude here, has caused the greatest satisfaction among the troops, who are not in the least intimidated by the superior numbers against them and who are all as keen as possible to get to grips with the "Jerries."

Dr Quo Is Impressed, Encouraged

By U.S. & British Aid To China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, the new Chinese Foreign Minister, after conferences to-day with President Roosevelt and Mr Cordell Hull, said he was "greatly encouraged" regarding the prospect of Sino-American co-operation.

He stated that he had learned that the United States was already sending material to aid of China and he found the President strongly interested in helping China.

The Chinese Ambassador Mr Hu Shih, observed that material was going from the United States to China in "ever increasing amounts."

China's Importance

Dr Quo Tai-chi told the press that President Roosevelt looks at the world as a whole and thus has in mind China's important place in it. He asserted that the President had received and talked with him most cordially, and that the conversation with Mr Cordell Hull was very satisfactory. He remarked that Mr Hull is a man with a "clear vision and strict adherence to principles."

Both Dr Quo and Mr Hu Shih said that the programme for the completion of the new railway in South China over which their Government could obtain outside supplies, is progressing well. United States and British help for the completion and operation of the railway is in prospect.

Dr Quo stated that the railway will become the symbol of practical co-operation between the United States, Britain and China.

Courtesy Call

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—At a press conference to-day, the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, said that Dr Quo is in the city for several days on a visit of courtesy and friendship as he goes home to assume his duties as China's Foreign Minister. He asserted that during Dr Quo's courtesy call to-day, there was a brief general interchange of international information.

China Needs Planes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, after seeing Mr Cordell Hull, told the press that Chinese morale was never higher and that China would undertake an offensive against Japan as soon as she gets planes.

"The important thing now is planes and more planes," he said. He declared that munitions factories established in the interior of China will operate at full capacity as soon as raw materials are available.

Regarding Russia, Dr Quo Tai-chi said that the Russo-Japanese Pact was less disturbing now than when it was first signed because Russia had since given assurances that the present arrangements with China would be maintained.

Impressed By Hull

Dr Quo Tai-chi said that Mr Hull had impressed him greatly as one of the few world's leaders to-day who stand by their principles.

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Mr Churchill Promises House A Debate On Balkan War

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Mr Winston Churchill told the House of Commons to-day that he was sure that the country would not wish to receive news of the war situation which "added to the dangers of our troops when delicate, dangerous and critical operations are being successfully carried out."

Loud cheers greeted this pregnant statement which was made during question time discussion of the possibility of reorganising Cabinet machinery and of an early Parliamentary debate on the general war situation.

The Prime Minister announced that a debate would be possible on the first day Parliament sat after this week. He indicated that Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, might take an important part in the debate which would be conducted on the basis of a motion which Mr Churchill read as follows: "This House approves the policy of His Majesty's Government in sending aid to Greece..."

Prosecuting War

Loud and prolonged cheers were raised, after which the Prime Minister continued: "It declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and all other theatres will be pursued by the Government with the utmost vigour."

Mr Churchill had earlier rejected a suggestion to consider appointing a small Supreme War Cabinet of Ministers without departmental responsibilities and including statesmen of the calibre of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies.

Egyptian Confidence

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Mr Winston Churchill's bold warning of dangers to come and his frank admission of British reverses have not depressed the Egyptians but have rather stimulated them by the fact that Britain is more determined than ever to defeat Germany, declared an Egyptian Government spokesman to "Reuter" to-day.

"There is no feeling among the Egyptians that the British Empire will split in twain if the enemy should close the Mediterranean since the exploits of the Indian troops in Africa have brought home the knowledge that close at hand lies the Empire's eastern bulwark—India—which is able to produce men and material apart from supplies continually arriving from England."

Approval Of Balkan War

WELLINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The New Zealand War Council to-day passed a resolution expressing full support of the Government's action in agreeing to the dispatch of New Zealand troops to Greece.

The Government's decision was arrived at "after a most able and accurate appreciation of the situation," says the resolution, which was adopted by the Council after listening to a statement by the Prime Minister, Mr Peter Fraser, giving details of the events leading up to it.

New Enterprise

You may be interested to learn that, in addition to the Crown leases previously issued for the plots on which the building covenant had been made to Government, in terms of the Conditions of Sale, for Crown leases in respect of twenty-three houses on the Estate. Besides the thirty-seven houses belonging to the Company on the Estate now completed and rented under lease, the two blocks of apartment buildings, which will be known as "St George's Mansions," on Argyle Street on the southern boundary of the Estate will be ready for occupation very shortly. These apartments, which will be modern in every respect, are in line with the imposing new Administration Building built by this Company for the China Light & Power Co. They form a striking addition to this particular district of Kowloon, which may well be regarded as the elite residential area on the mainland.

Mr Lawrence Kadoorie

Your Directors have thought it fitting that, because of his close interest in the affairs of the Company, Mr Lawrence Kadoorie should be invited to a seat on the board in his own right. An invitation was extended to Mr Kadoorie to join the Board in December last. I am glad to say the invitation was accepted. His appointment requires your confirmation.

As usual, the Company received loyal and devoted service from the members of your Staff, to whom I must not fail to record the Board's cordial thanks.

I shall be happy to reply to any questions from shareholders having reference to the Accounts after the Resolution I am about to submit for your adoption. I am, of course, at your disposal for any other business.

The Resolution is: That the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and that the credit balance of \$5,798.28 be carried forward to a New Account.

Seconding the proposal, Mr J. Scott Harston said: In view of the difficult times through which we are passing, I think the result reflects great credit upon our Managing Director and upon his son, who is our Works Manager.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

Appointments

Proposed by the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, seconded by Mr A. M. Braga, the appointment of Mr Lawrence Kadoorie as Director was confirmed.

Mr M. H. Lo and Mr J. Scott Harston were re-elected Directors on the proposal of Mr Lawrence Kadoorie, seconded by Mr H. Braga.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr M. H. Lo seconded the re-election as auditors of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews. The proposal was carried.

Present at the meeting were Mr J. P. Braga (Chairman and Managing Director), Messrs J. Scott Harston, M. H. Lo, Lawrence Kadoorie (Director), Mr B. Alves (Secretary), Mr H. Braga (General Works Manager), the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo and Mr A. M. Braga (Shareholders).

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down a Messerschmitt fighter over Malta yesterday.

Elite Building Area On Mainland

Construction Coy Meeting

"In spite of conditions affecting prices of materials rather adversely, building and development work on our Garden Estate in Kowloon has proceeded steadily," said Mr J. P. Braga, Chairman and Managing Director, of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd. at the 19th ordinary yearly meeting held at noon to-day.

A net profit of \$4,650.81 was reported, and a resolution that the credit balance of \$5,798.28 be carried forward to a new account was approved.

Mr Braga said: The accounts as submitted to you present no new features. There is a balance of \$4,650.81 in the Profit & Loss Account arrived at after charging \$122,927.38 for Depreciation and providing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, and Corporation Profits Tax for 1941/1942. The balance has been transferred to the Balance Sheet. The credit aggregate will, therefore, be the sum of \$5,798.28. The formal proposal that will be submitted to you for dealing with this credit balance is that it be carried forward to a new account.

Development Goes On

In spite of conditions affecting prices of materials rather adversely, building and development work on our Garden Estate in Kowloon has proceeded steadily. The same all-round high standard of workmanship and quality of building materials has been maintained in the houses constructed during the past twelve months. In the completed programme for the period under review will be found the explanation for the expenditure on Land and Buildings during the year of over half-a-million dollars, viz., \$576,706.28 to be exact; but the whole value, since the inception of the scheme is a total of \$1,633,500. Accordingly, the Bank Overdraft appears rather higher than in the previous year, with a total of \$824,973.00.

Higher Cost of Fuel

The total kWh. sold for the year 1940 was about 10 per cent more than the previous year, thereby establishing a new record and the number of consumers increased by about the same proportion. Unfortunately, our operating costs were considerably increased due to the increase in the price of fuel oil, thus item alone amounted to over one lakh. The other operating and administrative expenses were maintained at practically the same level as last year, and I wish to take this opportunity to place on record the Directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the Staff and workmen during the year.

Soon after the outbreak of war, we installed another fuel oil storage tank and we are now maintaining sufficient fuel in Macao to last for nine months' normal operation, thus additional stock cost us about one and half lakhs. Our stocks of lubricating oil, wires and cables, etc. were also considerably increased on the outbreak of war.

Another Generating Set

The whole of the Company's plant and equipment has been maintained in first-rate condition, and due to the increase in load, an order was placed for another generating set in October last year, and we anticipate delivery to be made early next year.

An extension to our present Station building is necessary to house this set and all the necessary material for this was purchased immediately the additional plant was ordered and its erection will start before long.

At our last Annual Meeting, you agreed to the increase of the capital of the Company, and as you are aware, we offered to the shareholders one "new" share for each two then held, I am pleased to report that our offer was accepted by practically every shareholder.

I now propose that the accounts be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

The proposal was seconded by Mr G. C. N. Tinson and carried unanimously.

Mr H. N. da Silva was re-elected Director on the proposal of Mr N. G. Beale, seconded by Mr J. Fleming.

On the proposal of Mr Silva, seconded by Mr Tinson, Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

Present at the meeting were Mr J. P. Braga (Chairman), Messrs N. G. Beale and H. N. da Silva (Directors), G. C. N. Tinson (representing the Secretaries), and J. Fleming (shareholder).

Nazi Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The German freighter, Natal, from Hamburg, has eluded the British blockade and has arrived at Santos with 200 tons of cargo.

A talk on "What Laymen can do in Influencing the Development of Medicine in China" will be given by Dr F. C. Yen to members of the Hongkong English Forum at the Chinese X. W. C. A., Bonham Road, to-morrow at 8 p.m.

MACAO COMPANY'S RECORD

Light & Power Service

A new record in consumption and a considerable increase in the number of consumers were reported by Mr F. J. Geillon, Chairman, at the 30th annual meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd held this morning.

Mr Geillon said: The net profit for the year, after providing for depreciation, which amounted to \$113,124.53, was \$321,034.49, which together with the sum of \$120,243.53 brought forward from the year 1939, make the amount available for appropriation \$441,278.02. From this, it is proposed to pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share and a bonus of \$0.50 on the 90,000 old shares which will absorb \$180,000, and to pay a dividend of 75 cents and bonus of 25 cents on the 43,938 "new" shares, which will absorb a total of \$43,938; to pay to the Government of Macao 5 per cent on amounts distributed as Dividend and Bonus, in terms of Clause 15 of Extension Contract, \$11,106.90; to transfer to General Reserve Account \$100,000 and to carry forward to 1941's account \$100,143.02.

The total kWh. sold for the year 1940 was about 10 per cent more than the previous year, thereby establishing a new record and the number of consumers increased by about the same proportion. Unfortunately, our operating costs were considerably increased due to the increase in the price of fuel oil, thus item alone amounted to over one lakh. The other operating and administrative expenses were maintained at practically the same level as last year, and I wish to take this opportunity to place on record the Directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the Staff and workmen during the year.

Soon after the outbreak of war, we installed another fuel oil storage tank and we are now maintaining sufficient fuel in Macao to last for nine months' normal operation, thus additional stock cost us about one and half lakhs. Our stocks of lubricating oil, wires and cables, etc. were also considerably increased on the outbreak of war.

Another Generating Set

The whole of the Company's plant and equipment has been maintained in first-rate condition, and due to the increase in load, an order was placed for another generating set in October last year, and we anticipate delivery to be made early next year.

An extension to our present Station building is necessary to house this set and all the necessary material for this was purchased immediately the additional plant was ordered and its erection will start before long.

At our last Annual Meeting, you agreed to the increase of the capital of the Company, and as you are aware, we offered to the shareholders one "new" share for each two then held, I am pleased to report that our offer was accepted by practically every shareholder.

I now propose that the accounts be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

The proposal was seconded by Mr G. C. N. Tinson and carried unanimously.

Mr H. N. da Silva was re-elected Director on the proposal of Mr N. G. Beale, seconded by Mr J. Fleming.

On the proposal of Mr Silva, seconded by Mr Tinson, Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

Present at the meeting were Mr J. P. Braga (Chairman), Messrs N. G. Beale and H. N. da Silva (Directors), G. C. N. Tinson (representing the Secretaries), and J. Fleming (shareholder).

Nazi Eludes Blockade

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—The German freighter, Natal, from Hamburg, has eluded the British blockade and has arrived at Santos with 200 tons of cargo.

A talk on "What Laymen can do in Influencing the Development of Medicine in China" will be given by Dr F. C. Yen to members of the Hongkong English Forum at the Chinese X. W. C. A., Bonham Road, to-morrow at 8 p.m.

CAIRO, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down a Messerschmitt fighter over Malta yesterday.

PLEASE NOTE

From May 1st, and until further notice our business hours will be:—

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Around The Courses

Much Depends On Putting

Cotton's Methods: Tips From Horton Smith

Mixed Foursomes Final At Country Club

(By "Birdie")

"MATCHES are won on the green". This is an old golf saying, and it does not mean that this is so because the greens are the only places where the holes are situated. It is because more strokes can be saved on the green with the putter than with all the remaining thirteen clubs on the fairways.

The incongruity of golf has often been remarked upon in that a 300-yard drive is equal to a three-yard, three-foot or three-inch putt, and it is the saving of strokes over the latter distances that wins or loses matches.

Henry Cotton in a January "Sporting and Dramatic" this year has an article dealing with this department of the game. He tells of the time he spent in search for the "secret", for, as Horton Smith has remarked "If you aren't putting well it is likely to undermine confidence for the rest of the game."

Smith is America's acknowledged wizard of the putting green. And his tip is to make sure you can sink a three-footer before aiming at those of 30-feet.

His procedure before a match is to drop several new balls on the green, three or four feet from the cup, and proceed to try and stroke them in from all directions. When he has the proper touch he drops back further.

In warming up he applies the same system to his other clubs. Starting with a No. 6 or 7, he works his way up through Nos. 5, 4, 3 and 2 to the woods.

Cotton operated on somewhat similar lines, except that in putting from four feet he took his stance in one rooted spot and spent hours hitting the balls along the same route until he had literally worn a groove in the green.

His belief was that if he could confidently sink the four-foot putts, there need be no needless anxiety to lay one's approach putts so dead. He was seeking a system that never came. He tried Leo Diegel's eagle-spread-elbows style in that it cut out excessive wrist action. It improved his putting, he claims, but there were yet those occasions on which he failed by inches to reach the cup.

I've often thought that a lawn mower would make a great putter. The problem of "weight" is a far greater one than that of accuracy. It does require rapid adjustment, for instance, when one has just come out of the bunker after wielding a heavy "blaster" in smashing through the sand, to take the putter (a lighter club), and trickle one's ball to within a two-foot circle of the cup.

And there is, I feel, quite a lot in what Cotton says about cutting out wrist movement. For the

shorter putts, there is a better chance of accuracy in holding the wrists and arms semi-rigid and using the upper part of the body as the lever.

But from the golfers I have seen in Hongkong, the great error is in jabbing at the ball. There is little smoothness or follow-through.

THE 18-holes final of the Country Club Mixed Foursomes was played off on Sunday last and resulted in a win for C. H. T. Suen and Mrs. B. Botelho 6 and 3 over J. B. Mackie and Miss M. C. Churn.

The losers were two up at one period in the first nine, but Suen and Mrs. Botelho won the 8th and 9th holes to square the match. They then won four of the next five holes to become double 41. And the match finished on the 15th.

There was a point at issue in this match that needs a little more legislation. Several small holes were dug in the rough abounding the 3rd fairway for the planting of young trees. This was some while ago, and in the subsequent planting one of the holes was not filled in. Neither was there a tree planted in it.

A ball on Sunday fell into this hole, which was about a foot deep, and it being unplayable, it was picked up and dropped for a penalty of two strokes.

Strictly speaking, I do not think the penalty should have been incurred, for the hole was accurately ground under repair—though the ground staff had over-looked making the repairs.

Fortunately, I understand, the score at that point was such that the penalty made slight difference; but it is up to the Powers-that-be to either legislate or have the hole filled in.

Volunteer Bowls

Members of the Volunteers' Sergeant's Men are reminded that the list of names of those wishing to play in the Bowls match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, closes at noon to-day.

Choy Wins Badminton Singles Title

M. Silva And M. A. Xavier Take Women's Doubles

Junior Doubles To Fisher And Wynter-Blyth

(By "Tinker")

THE EXPECTATIONS of most people were realised at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night when K. W. Choy took the 1941 Badminton Singles Championship from P. H. Wong, the former champion. The match, however, was an easier one for Choy than was anticipated.

Miss M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier justified the confidence of their supporters and took the women's Doubles title, while in the Junior Doubles, A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth won after two hard fought games.

THOUGH it was not the best match of the evening, it was the main attraction, and P. H. Wong relinquished his hold on the Singles crown to K. W. Choy in the Senior Singles.

In his efforts to take advantage of split seconds, Wong sacrificed much of his accuracy, especially down the sidelines, and through this and over-hitting conceded many points in the first game.

Choy's smash was only about fifty-per-cent effective, for on several occasions Wong was able to return. The latter's best shot was his baseline drop and with this Choy constantly on the alert. As often as not, however, the shot was met with an equally fine drop that had Wong jumping from the baseline to retrieve.

Air of Tenseness

The tremendous crowd—that even overflowed on to the Press seats and forced the reporters to sit on the floor—were greatly appreciative of the issue at stake, and there was a distinct feeling of tenseness in the air.

Choy went into a 5-1 lead mainly through the use of his deceptive wrist shots at the net. From there Wong scored to draw up to 3-5, but in the next rally, Choy ran away to 12-3. Two more points went to Wong, but in the final rally Choy took three in a row to win 15-5.

In this game, Wong was not showing the form that had last year given him his triple championship. His anxiousness to take advantage of the slightest opening on the other side, committed him to several errors. His sideline smashes were not just going out; they were even over the sidelines for the doubles court!

Partial Recovery

IN THE SECOND game, however, Wong showed a partial recovery. He matched Choy shot for shot but his clearing shots were not quite deep enough. This was probably because he had been hitting over the baseline in the first game, but the clearances to mid-court were fatal.

His service, too, underwent a change. Deep services had been treated with Choy's devastating smash, and for the most part later this was modified to short services to the forecourt.

His return of Choy's smashes were brilliant, and were in remarkable contrast to his weakness down the sidelines.

From 5-4 Choy went to 9-4, but Wong drew up to 7-9 and then 8-10. The latter was fighting gamely, and on occasions caught Choy on the wrong foot with brilliant baseline drops.

At 8, however, Wong stayed. He could not prevent Choy from scoring first 2, then 1 and finally the winning two points for the game.

Thus Choy becomes the new Colony champion—and well worthy of the title.

Mixed Doubles

MISS SILVA and Miss Xavier fully deserved their victory. They were not only an excellent combination, but brought out shots that most players would envy. From the baseline, especially, Miss Xavier showed admirable and accurate control over drop shots, while Miss Silva moved around the court with fine understanding, and her anticipation at the net was remarkable.

Of the losers, Mrs. Torrible was far ahead of Mrs. Zimmermann. The latter failed to dispose an attack of "nerves" and was consequently disappointing in almost every department. There were isolated occasions, however, when she smashed to win a point, but they were too isolated. Mrs. Torrible swooped

Record Attendance

The crowd of over 350 people who attended the Badminton Finals at the K.C.C. last night constituted a record attendance for the Championships.

There is only a limited accommodation, and people are advised to arrive early on Thursday, when the matches will start promptly at 8.30 p.m.

Several Times Behind Mrs. Zimmermann

For the first game the score went 5-2, 5-4, 7-4, 9-5, 13-5, 13-7 and eventually 15-7.

Progress in the second game was 0-2, 5-2, 11-4, 12-7 and 15-7.

Junior Doubles

A. E. XAVIER was the man on the losing side of the Junior Doubles to win most points for his side. C. C. Pereira was sadly erratic with both smashes and placing. Their combination, too, was not satisfactory, and on one or two occasions were inclined to clash.

For the winners, Wynter-Blyth was outstanding. Fisher had difficulty in the opening game in sighting the bird and made many errors. Later, however, he dealt convincingly with the same shots and scored repeatedly with smashes to the corners.

There was a greater understanding in the combination, and through this were often able to place the shuttle out of reach of the Recreio pair.

Xavier's height and speed at the net were a great asset. He scored several times with angled shots and sharp taps.

Score in the first game was 0-2, 3-0, 5-8, 8-8, 10-8, 10-10, 14-11 and 15-11.

In the second, 0-2, 2-3, 5-3, 5-5, 8-0, 9-0, 13-0, 13-10 and 13-11. Wynter-Blyth settled at five and the winners took the five without loss.

Junior Singles

T. S. YOUNG qualified to meet A. L. Fisher in the final of the Junior Singles when he beat D. Chelliah in three games. Young produced form reminiscent of that which eliminated N. L. Smith, and took the first game at 15-9.

The second, however, was a grand struggle. Chelliah made fine use of the drop and had Young continually reaching forward to retrieve. He came up from behind to level scores at 13-11, and amid much applause took the set, points for the game.

In the third, however, Chelliah showed a surprising lapse. His smashing was almost in pieces and he could not find the sidelines. Young led 7-2, and 7-4 and with his next rally placed the issue beyond much doubt. Chelliah climbed to 8, but Young had taken too great a lead.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 10th May, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 1st May, 1941.

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China's Third Successive International Victory

Hefty Hitting Indians Subdue Americans

(By "Ball Fan")

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS representing powerful Far Eastern Nations once again took highest honours in softball's annual International Series, before a farewell crowd of enthusiastic ball fans who trekked into the wind-swept stadium for a real "shivering finale", as the official 1940-41 softball series wended its weary way into a happening of the past.

Sunday's Stars

Ullan Khoo and Mary Ng, China—Ullan's time-set double in the third frame which drove in three runs, sparked China's champions in their run-scoring rampage; latter hurled steady ball in holding the powerful Portuguese sluggers to five measly bingles for her third successive international hurling triumph in three years.

Cyclone Baker and Savage Hassan, India—Former made a sensational shoestring nab at short centre field off Lou Leight's sizzling drive in the 6th canto to stop a dangerous American scoring threat; latter played sure-shagging ball out at left field besides connecting for a slashing single, crossing the platter with a run and stealing two bases.

The following softballers have been chosen as the standout players of the year and will receive Johnny Pearce's prizes at the annual softball dance on May 10th.

A glove each for Gloria Mar—best fielding.

Ernie Hearther—best fielding.

Two bats each for Yvonne Yelle—best batting.

Cyclone Baker—best batting.

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One Pin Short Of "Perfect Score"

The highest score since the bowling alley opened three years ago was recorded last night when Cpl Blunt, of Signals, scored 299 at 10 pins.

Blunt made 11 successive strikes and with his last ball left one pin standing. The previous highest score was 278, registered by Cpl Watts, of Signals.

Starlet Ullan Khoo, Malaya's stalwart contribution to local ball circles, led a tremendous Chinese drive for the ladies' pennant as Cathay's lassies terrorized a bewildered Portuguese team 13-5, to dash in with their third successive title in three years.

India's remarkable consistent-playing team made the "grand achievement" climax of the year in chalking up their second straight All-Nation championship with a sparkling title victory over a demoralized United States nine.

GLIDING majestically above the loud din of softball's official finish for the current season, China's powerful clouting lassies, playing like true champions in defense of their two year title and possession of the Molten Shield, shelled out a heavy thirteen hit barrage to overwhelm a weak Portugal threat 13-5.

The Chinese lassies, in amassing their huge run-scoring total, dished up a brand of combined slogging which clearly demonstrated the rapid fans, China's superiority in the local ladies' softball realm.

Led by outfielders Ullan Khoo and Doris Mar, the champions came from behind in the 3rd inning with a devastating four run attack to signal their start on the road to victory, as hefty hitting Ullan Khoo slammed out a terrific double to centre, driving in three runs after Mary Ng, Mary Mar and Doris Mar had filled the bags with neat hunting and whippet running. Heroine Ullan came home on Lily Mar's single to end the scoring in this frame.

Portugal's challenging stars played loose ball after this pulverizing run attack, and the titleholders clinched the game in the next stanza with a five run scoring spree on successive singles by China's dynamite trio of Doris Mar, Ullan Khoo and Lily Mar.

The Chinese gals added three more tallies to their total in the 6th canto when the irrepressible Ullan Khoo, Lily Mar and Dot Louie checked in at the platter on a single, a balk and a passed ball. The winning rally was their brilliant championship drive in the last frame with a solitary run.

Portuguese hurler Thelma Colloco, remained in a troubled atmosphere continually, in a fruitless attempt to subdue the powerful Chinese willow-wielders while a erratic infield gave her a minimum of support as they played inconsistent ball throughout the game.

Team co-operation, an absolute essential in the making of worthy champions, was sadly lacking in Harry Noronha's lineup as Portugal's bellies took this big loss in their second desperate title challenge.

Winning slammer Mary Ng, in hurling one of her finest games of the year, had such heavy clouters as Irene Pereira, Celeste Marques, Irene Castilho, Terry Noronha et al, well under control in chalking up her third straight championship win in three years, as she held the finalists to five measly bingles.

THE highly consistent play that makes real champions was superlatively exemplified when India's rip-roaring titleholders took a glorious 6-2 triumph from a favoured American team, to retain the Jimmy King Shield and International championship for the second successive year.

With the return of A. E. Kitchell in the field, the defending champions dished up a brilliant display of air-tight ball behind the steady hurling of ace Kasma Nasarini who limited the dangerous Wagoner-men to four bingles.

The Indians started off in winning fashion with two precious tallies in the opening frame on an error, a sacrifice and a grass cutter through second by Savage Hassan as Sherry Bux and Jindoo Hussain hustled home to start the Indians off on their run-making foray. The champions placed the old Inter-Nation title on ice in the 4th stanza when they breezed in with three more runs on stinging clouts by Savage Hassan and Skelley Razzack, and loose playing by a flustered American infield.

The Yankees made their biggest bid in the last of the 4th with two runs when "railroad" Pete Fitch opened the inning with a tremendous homer to deep left, followed by Doc Mollien's tally on a passed ball. India's brilliant lineup played dashing confident ball to come through with this starry climax with and are worthy holders of a spot in the local softball "hall of fame".

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Judge Cressall's Request To Legal Profession

Strong views on the necessity of solicitors filing short and concise statements of defence in any contested actions, they are called upon to defend, were expressed by the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Cressall, at the Summary Court this morning when he delivered judgment in a claim for money in which Kwan Hoi-chow, of No. 58 Bonham Strand West, sued Cheung Tat-choi, of No. 26 Des Voeux Road Central, for \$1,000.

The claim was non-suited and no order as to costs was made.

Mr H. L. Kwan, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for Plaintiff and Mr A. el Arculli for Defendant.

Defendant denied all knowledge of the loan.

In his judgment, Justice Cressall said, in this case the plaintiff claims the sum of \$1,000, which he alleges was lent by him to the Defendant.

It appears that on the call-over day, the defendant, through his solicitor, verbally denied liability in general terms, and the case was accordingly listed for hearing without a statement of defence being filed.

Saving Court's Time

Now, while it is indisputable that in summary trials it is frequently unnecessary to insist on a written defence, the fact remains that when a defence is formally filed considerable judicial time and energy is saved, for the Court is placed in the position of being able to appreciate, and judicially analyse the evidence relied on, before the general defence is actually tendered; a plea of non-indebtedness in most cases conveys nothing to the Judge who is called upon to hear and determine claims, for the reason that there may arise several factors during the trial, which, one by one, or collectively, frequently introduce new legal elements and problems which cannot be foreseen by merely looking at the statement of claim.

Intimation to Profession

Thus it was that I enquired from the solicitor for the defendant why he had not filed a statement of defence notwithstanding the fact that no order had been made. I made these preliminary remarks for as this is the first contested case

have had to deal with since assuming my duties, I feel that in fairness to the profession I should let them know that I hold very strong views on the necessity of solicitors filing short and concise statements of defence in any contested actions they are called upon to defend. Conversely, it is my considered view that solicitors who are instructed to issue writs, should give as much relevant information as is possible in the statement of claim.

If these two things are done I feel confident that, in the long run, litigants will benefit since the length of the actual hearing of the case will be considerably reduced for the reason that the Court will be in a position to have a clear idea of the issues involved before the evidence is heard, instead of having to grope in semi-darkness in an effort to find out during the course of the trial "what it is all about."

His Lordship then proceeded to give judgment.

Mrs Roosevelt Admires Churchillian English

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Mrs. Roosevelt, writing in the New York newspaper "World-Telegram" on Mr Churchill's broadcast, says: "One must admire a man who can trust the people of his country so completely. He can tell them stark naked, cruel truths unafraid. That quality of courage is a kind of challenge which calls to the very depth of other human souls. Mr Churchill can use the English language so that it rings and pounds the emotion behind the words in your brain."

Anti-Nazi Businessmen Vote In U. S.

Must Prevent Nazi Victory

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—"A German victory should be prevented at almost any cost" is the opinion of 84.1 per cent. of leading American businessmen, according to a survey conducted by the American magazine "Fortune."

Only 13.8 per cent. believed that "if Germany is victorious, the world would be safe and at least economically tolerable for the United States to live in without huge armaments."

Only 8.5 per cent. believed that Germany would succeed in establishing a new European Order "with which it would be possible for us to resume business relations following approximately pre-war methods."

Half of those who polled favoured the development of the Defence Programme "at the expense of business as usual."

A percentage of 55.4 disapproved of the stand taken by Colonel Lindbergh and the Isolationists, Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

Lofoten Raid Sequel

German Persecution

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—One hundred and fifty people arrested on the Lofoten islands following the recent Anglo-Norwegian raid are now confined in a concentration camp near Oslo in appalling sanitary conditions, says the Norwegian Telegraph agency, quoting Swedish newspapers.

It adds that it seems clear that the Germans, who will later try the prisoners by Court Martial, hope that ruthless reprisals will prevent a recurrence of the raids.

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1.45 Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

Second Rhapsody (George Gershwin); Heart and Soul (from Film: "A Song is Born"); While a Cigarette Was Burning (Charles and Nick Keany); When Day is Done (Do Sylva-Katscher); "The Merry Widow"—Waltz (Lehar); "The Chocolate Soldier"—My Hero Waltz (O. Strauss).

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A-Bist Programme:
"Carmen"—Fantasia... The Charlottenburg Opera Orchestra; I Still Seem To Hear ("The Pearl Fishers")... Luigi Fort (Tenor); The Fair Maid of Perth—Suite; (1) Prelude—(2) (a) Aubade; (b) Serenade; (3) March; (4) Gypsy Dance... Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—"The News."
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Half an Hour of Dance Music.
8.00 Local Time Signal.
8.02 Light and Humorous Variety.
9.00 London Relay—News and News Commentary.

9.15 Studio—Letter from Free China.

9.30 Compositions of Ravel. Mov.: Sonatine for Piano—1st Mov.: Modere; 2nd Mov.: Menuet; 3rd Mov.: Anime... Alfred Cortot (Piano); Nicolette; Ronde... The Lyons Mixed Chorus; Piece en Forme de Habanera... Maurice Marechal (Cello); Trois beaux oiseaux de Paradis... The Lyons Mixed Chorus; Scarbo ("Gaspard de la Nuit" No. 3)... Walter Gieseking (Piano).

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 Studio—The Third of a Series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day with excerpts from Famous Plays by the Studio Players. Arranged by Evelyn Wood.

10.25 Antientus—At the Court of Frederick the Great.

Musica Antiqua; Speakers: N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. Angler, H. Sartor directed by Nicholas Roth.

11.00 Close Down.

Trans-Atlantic Giant Land Plane

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).

Official permission to build a new four-engined land plane designed to fly to Europe in ten hours, and carrying between 50 and 80 passengers, has been given to the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

The machine will be the world's largest and most powerful land plane except the B10 bomber, which is about to be tested in California. It will weigh 43 tons.

London's Quiet Night

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—For the third successive night, London had no alert up to a late hour but some bombs were dropped on an East Anglian district and enemy aircraft were also reported over the south-west coast of England.

Yugo-Slav Ship Bought By Italians

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 29 (UP).—The Italian Consul General this morning said, "The Tomislav is now incorporated into the Italian mercantile marine and was sold to the Lloyd Triestino interests."

Questioned regarding the Japanese representation the Consul General replied "The Japanese have nothing to do with the matter."

It is understood that Italian Marines and the Shanghai harbour police who boarded the Yugo-Slavian vessel following the incident have been withdrawn.

Slav Centre In London

Czech Notification

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—London is now the headquarters of the Sokol Movement, declared the Czechoslovak Minister of the Interior, Dr Slavik, to-day.

"The Sokol Movement, with headquarters in London, will do all it can to help our Sokol brothers in Czechoslovakia, Yugo-Slavia and Poland. When Mr Churchill recently inspected our troops, they carried the standard given by the Sokols of the United States; one day they will carry that standard in triumph through the street of Prague."

The Sokol movement is a kind of brotherhood of the Slav peoples which used to meet every year and give gymnastic displays.

TURKO-GERMAN Trade Pact

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 28 (Domei).—Government authorities declared that the recent German-Turkish commercial agreement has been concluded within the scope of the existing economic agreement between the two countries and has no novel character in it.

It is understood that the new agreement is between the commercial agents of the two countries on the basis of mutual compensation.

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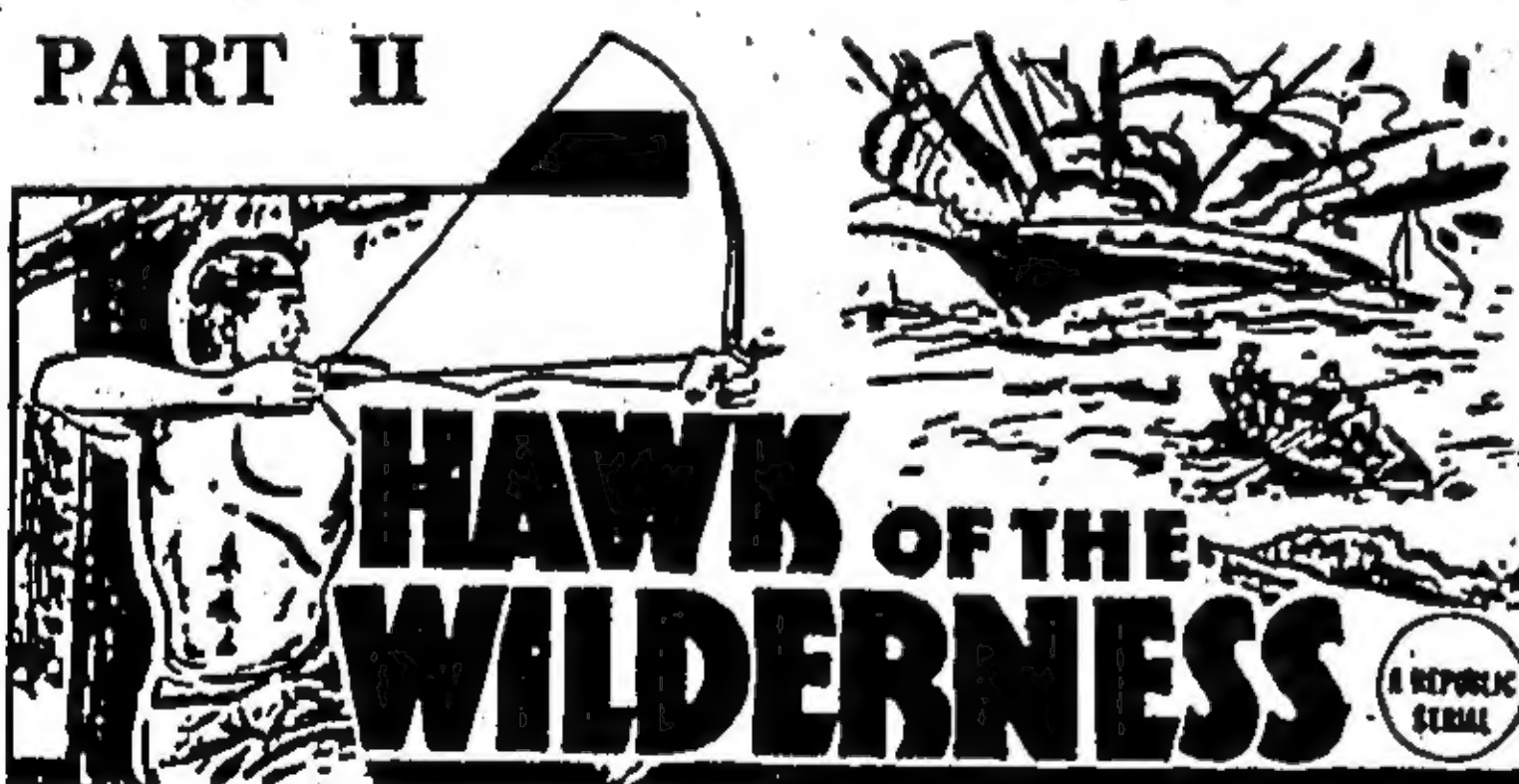


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U.S. WARSHIPS & COMBAT ZONES

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ing applicable to United States war vessels.

One correspondent inquired of President Roosevelt whether the patrols could be extended into the German zone of operations around Great Britain and he merely replied that he did not know. The net effect of the Presidential comment is to re-emphasize the purpose of protecting the Hemisphere without geographical limitations in patrolling operations, but actual operations will remain a mystery as far as the public is concerned.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday:

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Providents \$4.30
Hotels \$2.80
Lands \$30.50
Star Ferries \$50
Lights "O" \$5.75
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Union Ins. \$420
Star Ferries \$51.25
Lights "Rts" .40 cts

PAPAL AUDIENCE

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—His Holiness the Pope received Queen Elena of Italy this morning and conversed with her for over half an hour, according to the Vatican radio.

LATE NEWS

Japanese Re-open Shanghai Bridge

SHANGHAI, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The bridge between the International Settlement and Chapel, which has been closed since the shooting of a Japanese sentry on Monday evening, was suddenly opened at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Japanese announce that they arrested a Chinese near the bridge who they are allegedly satisfied was responsible for the shooting. The name of the arrested Chinese has so far not been revealed.



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Artillery & Aerial Duel Over Channel

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One fire was apparently ashore but the other was close to the cliffs, believed to be a ship.

The visibility was exceptionally good and at the height of the bombardment, the Boulogne Cathedral could be easily seen with binoculars, but in the early afternoon a haze arose and hid the French coast.

More Nazi Ships Hit

LONDON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—During to-day's operations by aircraft of the Bomber Command, four medium-sized ships encountered north of Dunkirk were bombed and machine-gunned despite thick cloud and rain, announces the Air Ministry.

As the bombers turned for home a number of Messerschmitts tried to intercept them but were beaten off by the fighter escort.

Spitfires on patrol over the Straits of Dover encountered a number of German fighters and a dogfight ended with the Germans quickly disappearing into the cloud.

A British pilot said "Although we did not see any of the Huns crash, some were damaged and we were left 'cock of the walk'."

Swallowed In Quicksands

One of the two bombers shot down by anti-aircraft fire during the raid on Plymouth crashed into the sea only 250 yards from the shore. When it hit the water, it threw up a terrific column of spray.

A search was made at daybreak for the wreckage but the quicksands where it crashed had swallowed it up.

AXIS SHIPS SUNK AND DAMAGED

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ship left sinking, and a 1,500 ton tanker almost certainly destroyed. In a very low level attack on a heavily escorted convoy of three ships some miles west of Heligoland on April 25, a very large vessel was set on fire and almost certainly destroyed and another was hit on the stern and severely damaged.

Off Dutch Coast

Off the Dutch coast, at least nine vessels were bombed, including three direct hits on an 8,000 ton supply ship in a convoy, a 4,000 ton vessel in a convoy off the Frisian Islands was damaged.

The week's most sensational attack was delivered at dawn of April 25 from a height of 25 feet on a 1,000 ton supply ship one mile up the Nieuwe Waterweg between Hook of Holland and Rotterdam. Smaller ships were attacked with bombs and machine-guns in the same operation.

U.S. PATROLS 2,000 MILES OUT TO SEA

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papers, what he described as a wrong impression given by the following original remark, "I wish I could tell you about our patrols 2,000 miles out from the high latitudes to the Antarctic in both oceans."

Favours Convoys

BOSTON, Apr. 29 (UP).—The former United States Minister to Canada, Mr. James Cromwell, favours United States convoys. He said that the sooner the United States enters the war the "cheaper it will be for us."

Mr. Cromwell arrived by plane today for conferences with Harvard professors regarding raw materials for the national defence programme. He declared, "We could be considered at war right now if international law meant anything."

What England Offers

NEW YORK, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—England offers hope of progress, Germany offers black terror. A British victory is absolutely necessary. These are extracts of a manifesto issued by yet another pro-Allies Committee named "Union For Democratic Action."

Headed by the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Christian Ethics in the Union Theological Seminary, the Committee includes educationists, writers, liberals, democrats, socialists, radicals and C.I.O. and A.F.L. Union leaders.

Criminal Folly

The manifesto also says: "It is criminal folly to assume that there is nothing to choose between a British and a German victory. We seek the peace that moves towards the United States and Europe. There must be a Versailles Treaty."

The Committee's programme is "whatever political, economic and military means are needed to defeat the aggressors."

Ahead of Schedule

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (Reuter).—Substantial portions of the United States naval expansion programme are running ahead of schedule, Admiral Harold Stark said.

The United States would share its resources to the limit of its security, he added.

This statement has caused speculations as to whether further transfers of naval vessels to Britain is imminent.

Admiral Stark also said: "We are working for a balanced fleet with the proper proportion of capital ships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, submarines, light craft, fast auxiliaries and underwater defences. Our aircraft carrier programme alone will give us the most mobile and most powerful fleet air arm in existence."

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